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Tonari no Seki-kun

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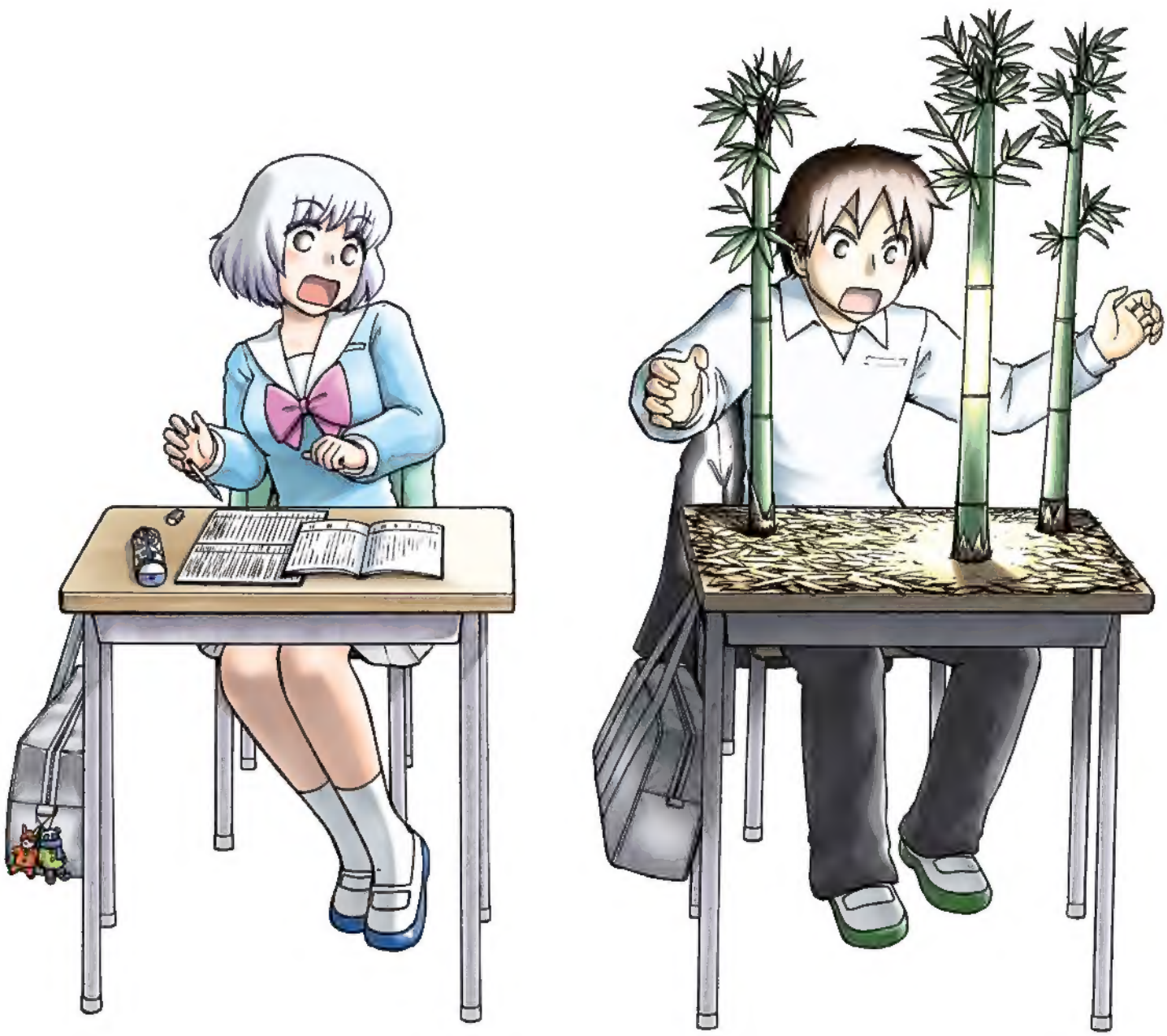

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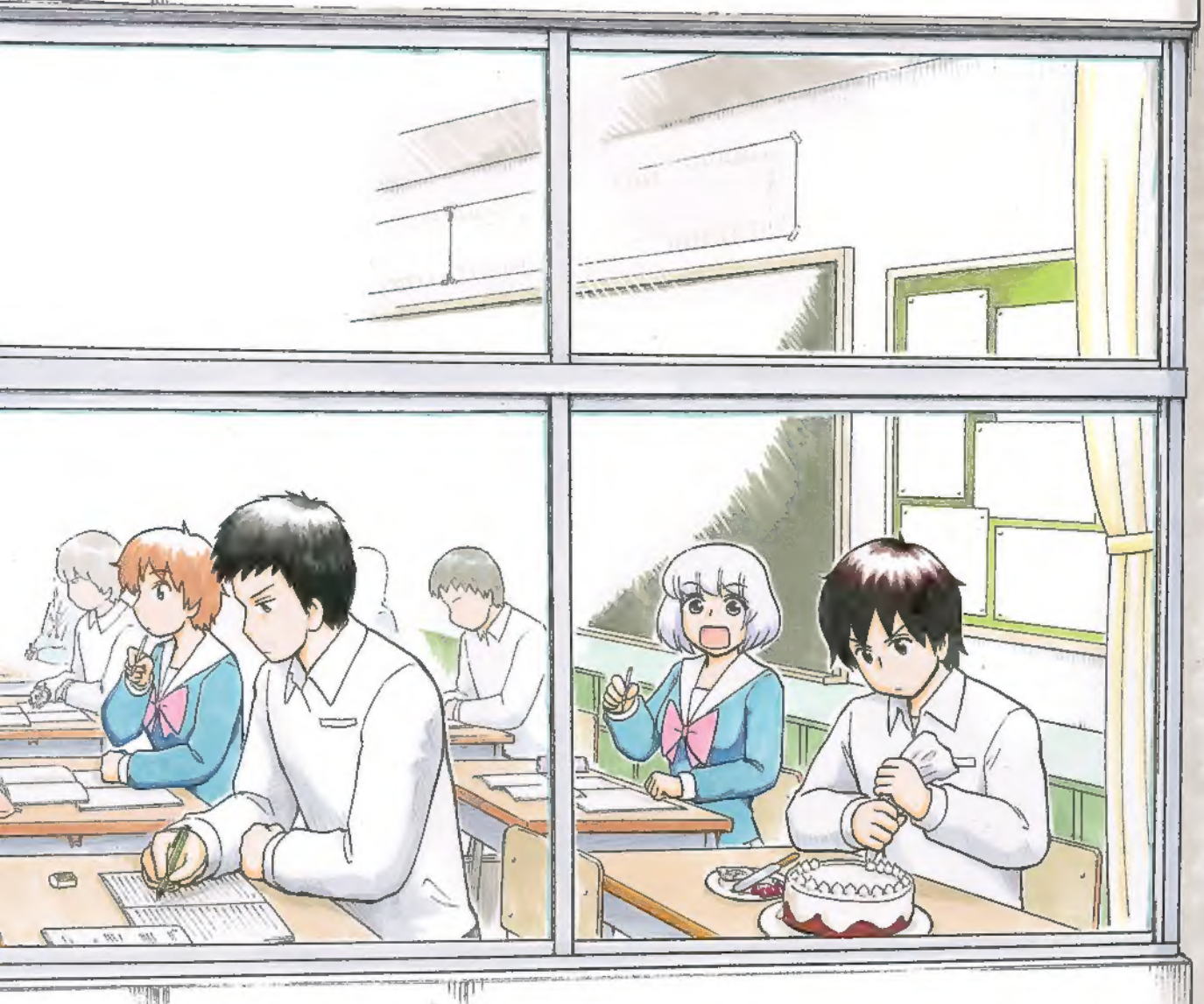

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Schedule

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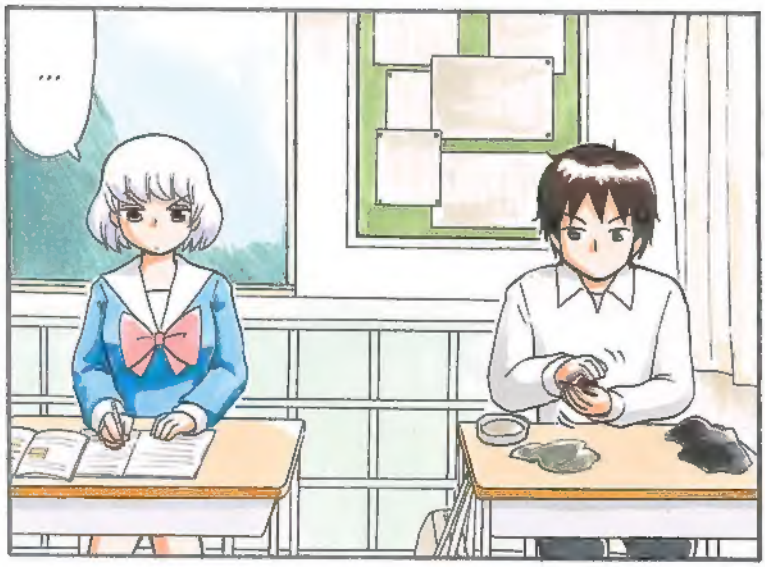
56th Period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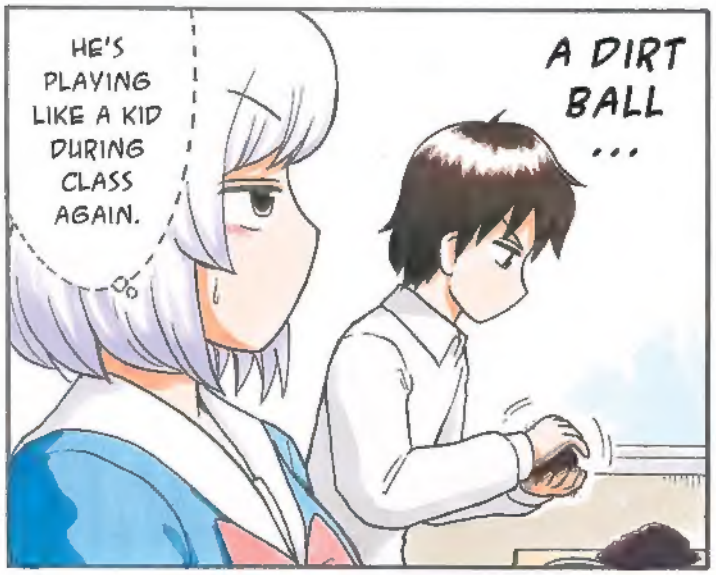
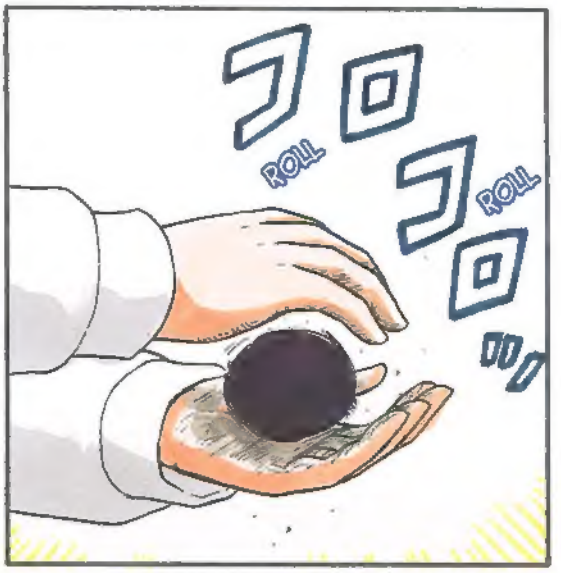
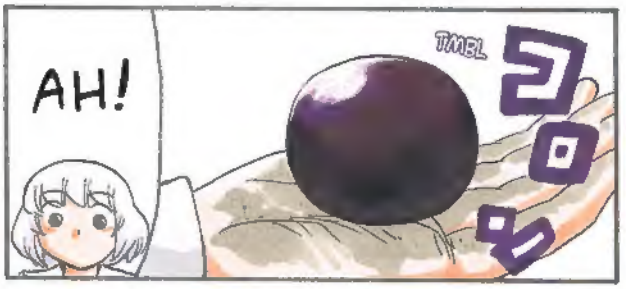
THIS POLI-CY...
AND SO,


HE'S PLAYING LIKE A KID DURING CLASS AGAIN.
A DIRT BALL ...


ROLL
ROLL

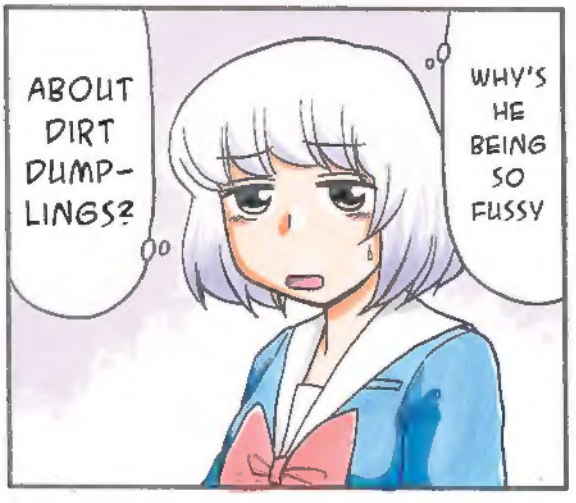
...
SQK
SQK

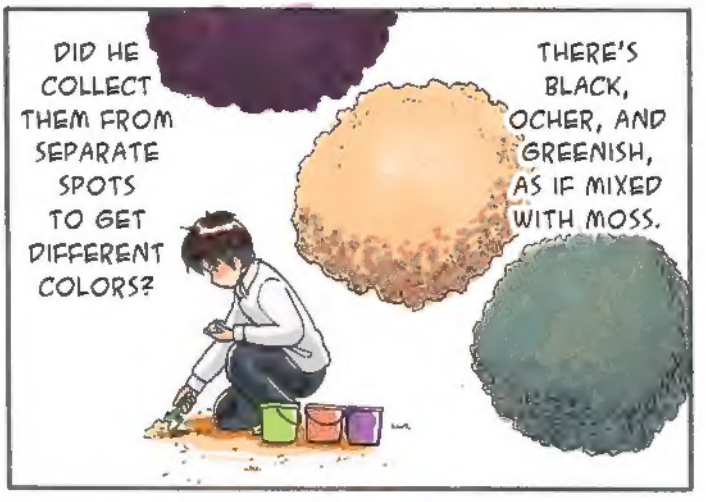

AH!
TMBL

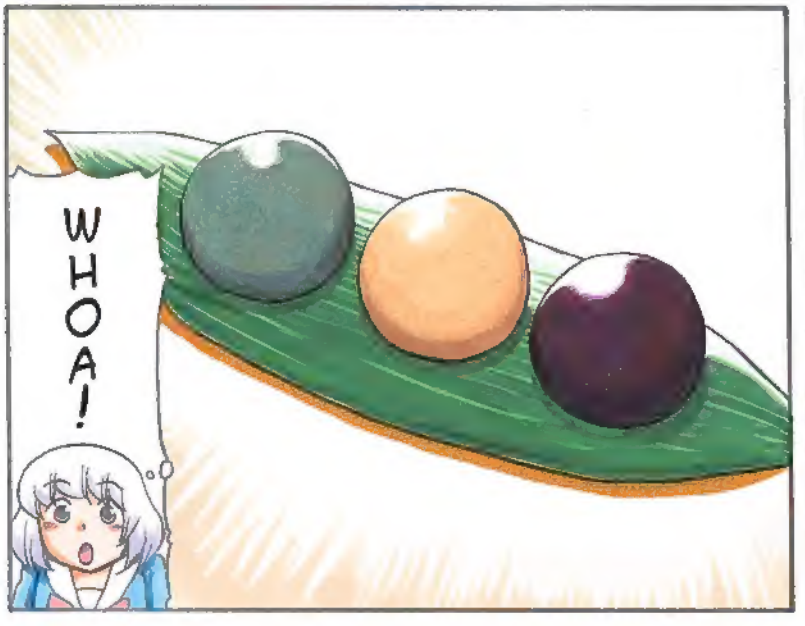
NOT THAT I RECALL WHY I WAS SO OBSESSED.
WELL, I MADE MY SHARE WHEN I WAS YOUNG.

FSH
すっ
HE PUT IT ON A BAMBOO LEAF! NOW IT REALLY LOOKS LIKE A DUMPLING!
Even that?
IT LOOKS LIKE A REAL RED BEAN PASTE DUMPLING!
WHAT A SMOOTH SURFACE!
Leave it to Seki!
ROLL
コロ
ROLL
コロコロ
ROLL
HM?
AN ENDLESS PROJECT...
HE'S ON TO THE NEXT ONE.
PRESS-
ギュ
AH!
THE COLOR SEEMS DIFFERENT FROM THE FIRST ONE...
IS IT MY IMAGI-NA-TION?

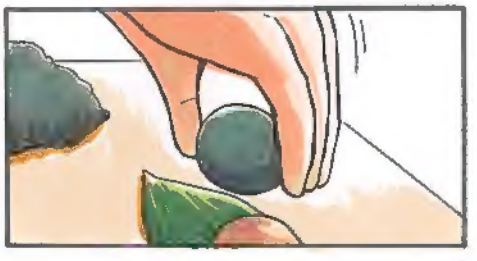
HE'S SWITCHING DIRT TYPES WITH EACH DUMPLING ?!
DIRT !!


ABOUT DIRT DUMP-LINGS?
WHY'S HE BEING SO FUSSY

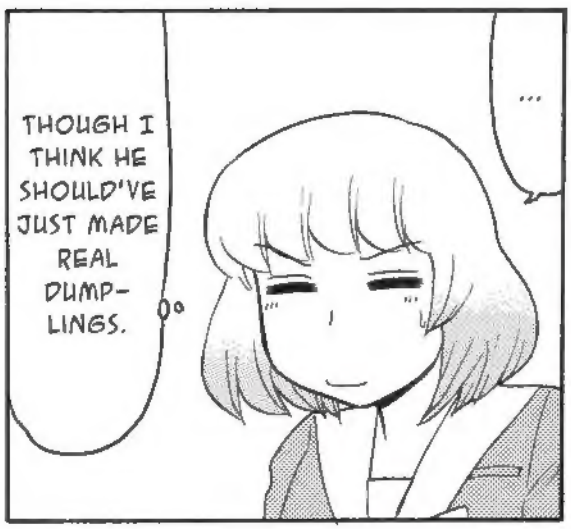

DID HE COLLECT THEM FROM SEPARATE SPOTS TO GET DIFFERENT COLORS?
THERE'S BLACK, OCHER, AND GREENISH, AS IF MIXED WITH MOSS.

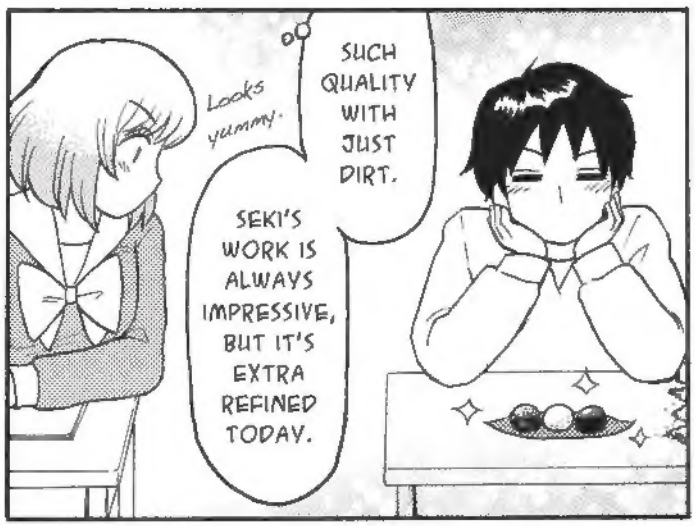

WHOA!

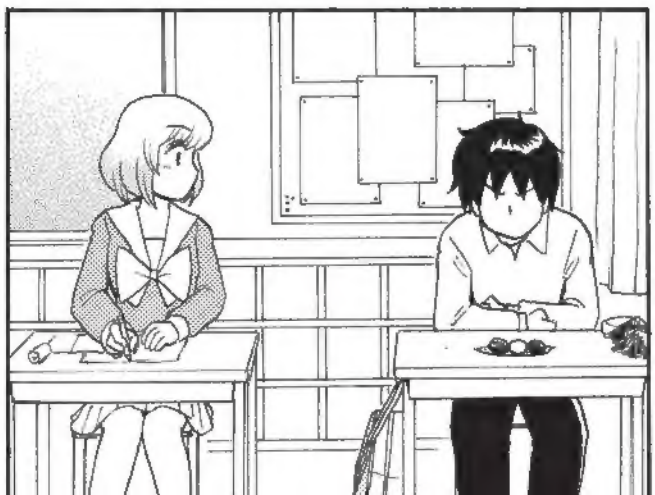
SQIK
SQIK



MUGWORT!
ROASTED SOYBEAN FLOUR!
RED BEAN PASTE!
HE HAS A COMPLETE TRICOLOR SET!!


...
THOUGH I THINK HE SHOULD'VE JUST MADE REAL DUMP-LINGS.


Looks yummy.
SUCH QUALITY WITH JUST DIRT.
SEKI'S WORK IS ALWAYS IMPRESSIVE, BUT IT'S EXTRA REFINED TODAY.

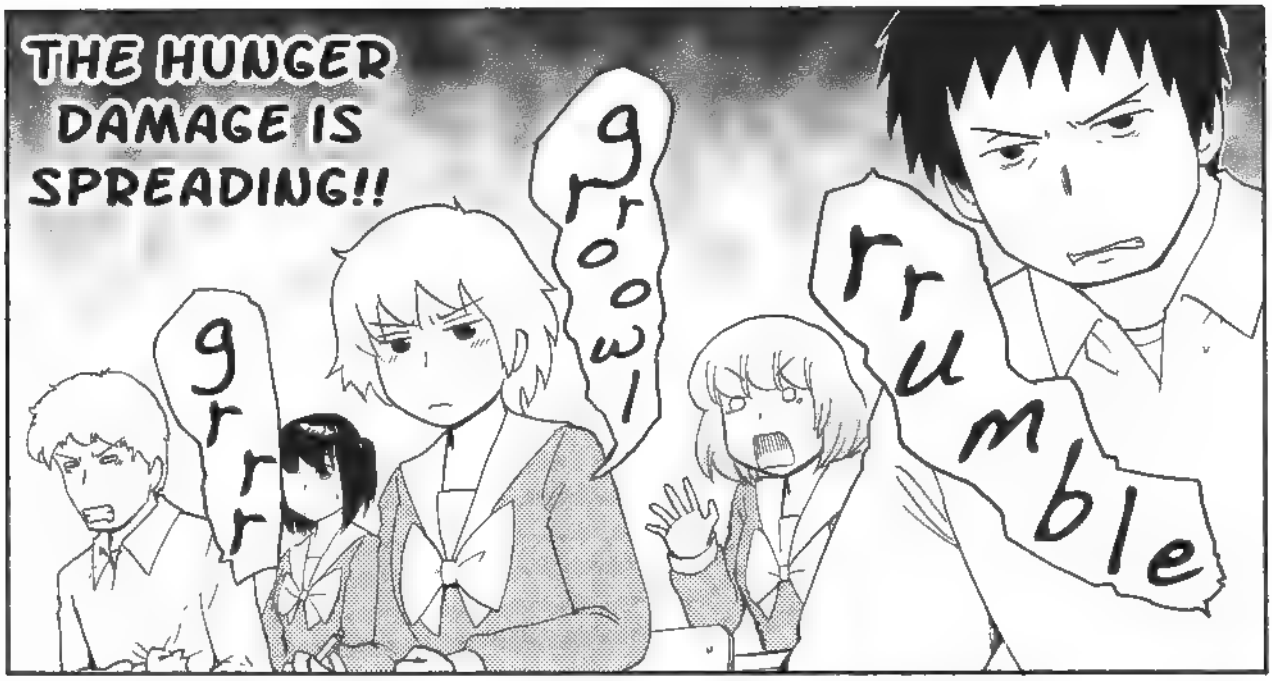


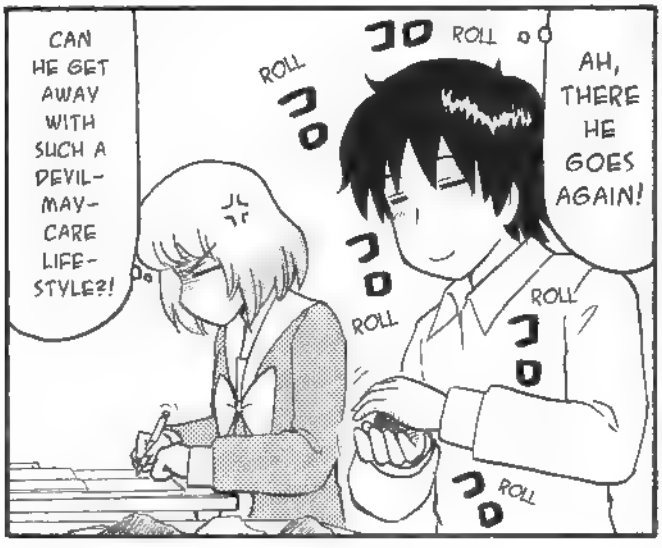
grrowl

IT'S 4TH PERIOD, JUST BEFORE LUNCH.
NOT THAT I CAN BLAME HIM.
IS THAT SEKI'S STOMACH?!
ARE THE HYPER-REALISTIC DUMPLINGS WHETTING HIS APPE-TITE?!
GROOWL
ぎゅるるる。
I BET THE WHOLE CLASS IS STARVING.
IN FACT, SEKI'S LIKELY NOT THE ONLY ONE.
IT'S A SCHEDULE THAT'D CAUSE MAXIMUM HUNGER.
AND 3RD PERIOD WAS P.E.
WE HAD A SCHOOL ASSEMBLY THIS MORNING,

AHH
あーん
HM
?!
SEKI?!
はっ
GASP
SHFF
HAS HE GONE MAD FROM HUNGER ?!
SEKI REALLY WAS ABOUT TO EAT THAT DIRT DUMP-LING!
RUMBLE
GROWL
ぐーぎゅるる
...
SHAKE
ぶんっ
SHAKE
ぶん
OH NO, NOT AGAIN.

SCARF
HE'S EAT-ING HIS LUNCH!!
SCARF
SCARF
RUSTLE
AH!
!
WAIT!
GOOFING TAKES PRECE-DENCE OVER ALL.
How can you eat meatballs right now?
IS HE TIDING HIMSELF OVER TO AVOID EATING HIS DIRT DUMPLINGS?
MNCH
MNCH
grrowl
SEKI, YOU IDIOT! BE CONSIDERATE OF THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU!
THE SMELL OF HIS LUNCH IS GONNA MAKE MY STOMACH GROWL!


THE HUNGER DAMAGE IS SPREADING!!
grrr
growl
rrumble


CAN HE GET AWAY WITH SUCH A DEVIL-MAY-CARE LIFE-STYLE?!
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
AH, THERE HE GOES AGAIN!

THIS IS A SERIOUS CRIME, SEKI!
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WITH A SATISFIED LOOK!
URP.

HUH ?!

WHAT'S GOING ON...?
OR LIKE SOMETHING SEKI MADE HIMSELF.

WEIRD!
IT DOESN'T LOOK TASTY AT ALL!!

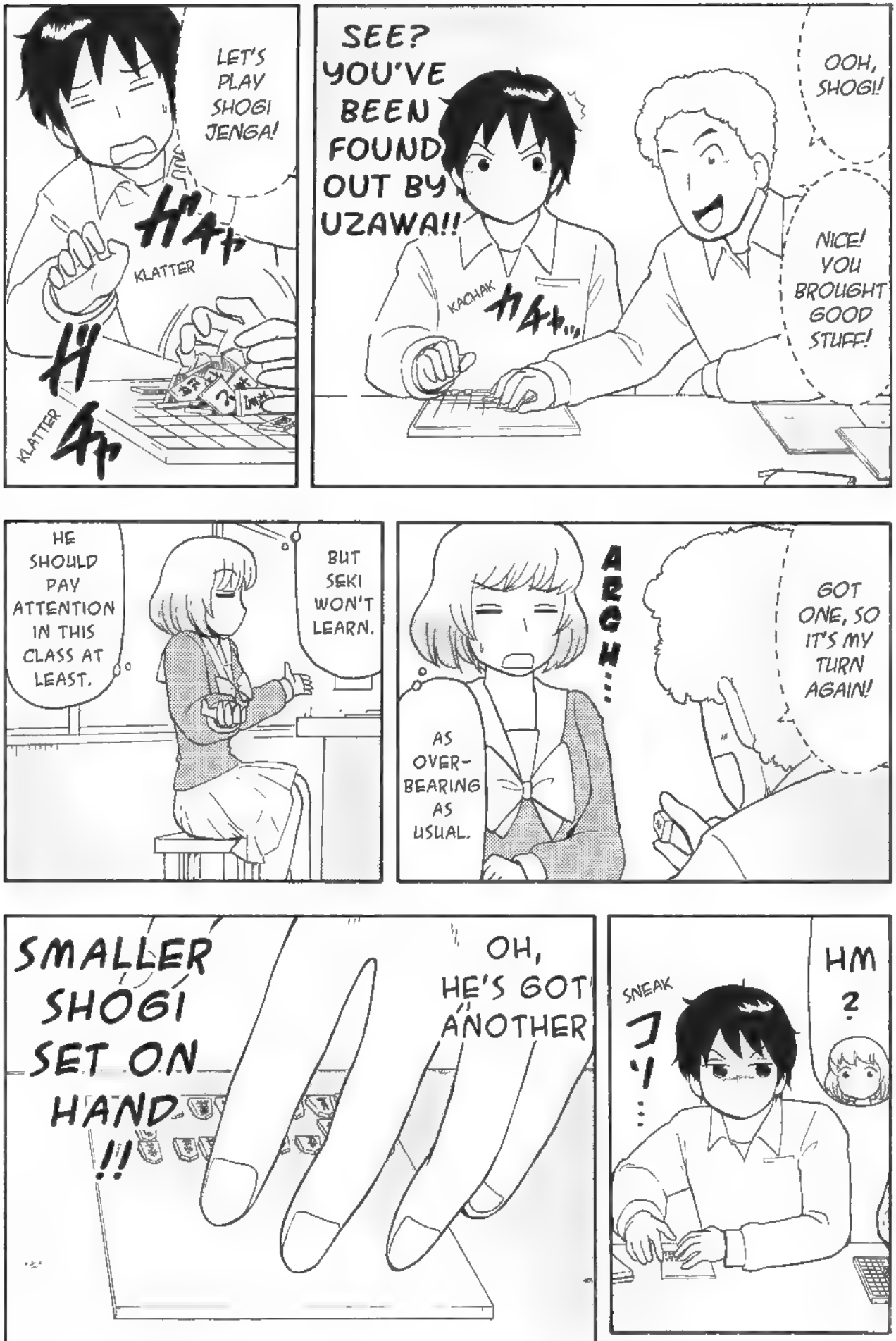
DID HIS HUNGER ADD THE SPICE NEEDED TO MAKE IT LOOK SO TASTY?
WAS IT BECAUSE HE WAS HUNGRY?
Huh
SOK
ギュッ
SOK
ギュッ

WHAM
ドカッ!!
HE SMASHED IT!

...
IT'S PUNISHMENT FOR EATING YOUR LUNCH EARLY.
SEKI'S ANGUISH CONTINUED UNTIL THE CLASS BELL RANG
ぐしゃっ
KRUSH

SEKI'S ENTERED AN UNPRECEDENTED SLUMP?!
NOW THAT HIS APPETITE'S SATED, THAT DIVINE QUALITY IS NO LONGER REPRODUCIBLE?!

57th Period
KLAK
KLAK
FROM SAID EXPERI-MENT...
SHOULD YOU REALLY PLAY AROUND SO OBVIOUSLY IN THIS ROOM?
ARE YOU SURE?
SHOGI?!

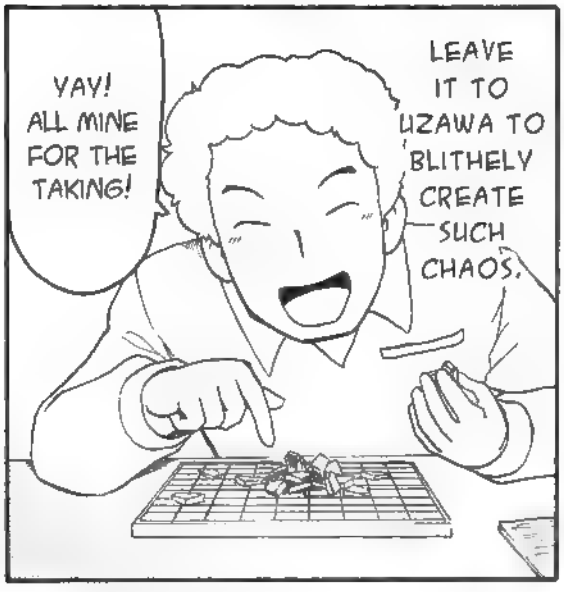

LET'S PLAY SHOGI JENGA!
KLATTER
KLATTER
SEE? YOU'VE BEEN FOUND OUT BY UZAWA!!
KACHAK
OOH, SHOGI!
NICE! YOU BROUGHT GOOD STUFF!
HE SHOULD PAY ATTENTION IN THIS CLASS AT LEAST.
BUT SEKI WON'T LEARN.
ARGH...
AS OVER-BEARING AS USUAL.
GOT ONE, SO IT'S MY TURN AGAIN!
SMALLER SHOGI SET ON HAND!!
OH, HE'S GOT ANOTHER
SNEAK
HM ?

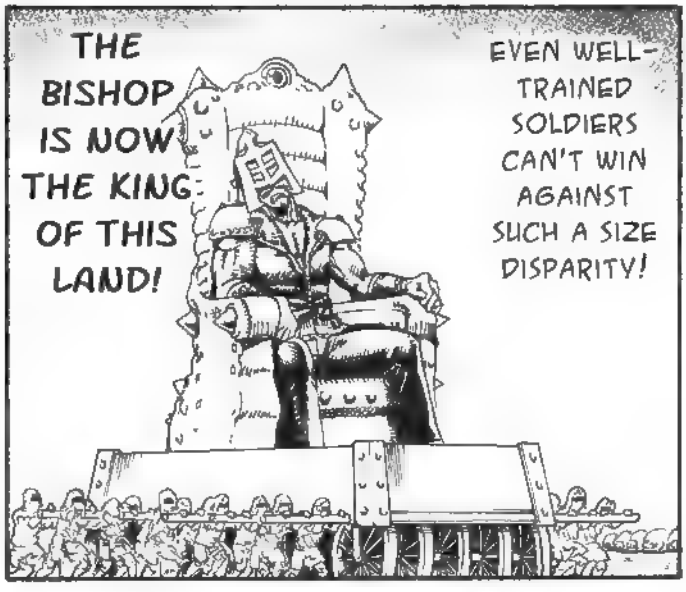
TODAY SEKI IS A SCHEMER !!
HE'S NOT LETTING UZAWA JERK HIM AROUND ANY-MORE!
WAS HIS GOOFING OFF EARLIER JUST AN ACT TO HOOK UZAWA?
HAD HE FIGURED THAT UZAWA WOULD TAKE OVER THE OTHER ONE?!
The board is the same color as the desk
SFF
SFF
HOW DOES HE PLAN TO PLAY WITHOUT OPPO-NENTS?
HM? THIS SET ONLY HAS HALF THE PIECES.
I DON'T GET IT. WHAT'S THE POINT ...?
HE'S JUST LINING UP AND MOVING THEM AROUND?
AH!
SFF
SFF

HE'S MAKING THE PIECES UNDERGO MILITARY DRILLS?!
ZSH
ZSH
NO WAY! IS THIS A TRAINING EXERCISE?!
OH, BUT HE IS ENJOYING HIMSELF.
I GUESS IT'S OKAY, THEN.
NO, NO, THAT'S MEANINGLESS.
IT CAN'T BE ANY FUN JUST ARRANGING AND SHUFFLING THEM ABOUT WITHOUT A MATCH.
OOH, A GOLD GENERAL!
Yay!
DOESN'T SEEM LIKE WE'RE IN CLASS.
BUT GEEZ, THIS PANORAMA BEFORE ME...

WHSH
AMASH
KNOCK THE REST OUT WITH A GOLD MISSILE!
FWAP
Bishop
KRASH
SMASH
A PIECE FROM UZAWA'S BOARD!

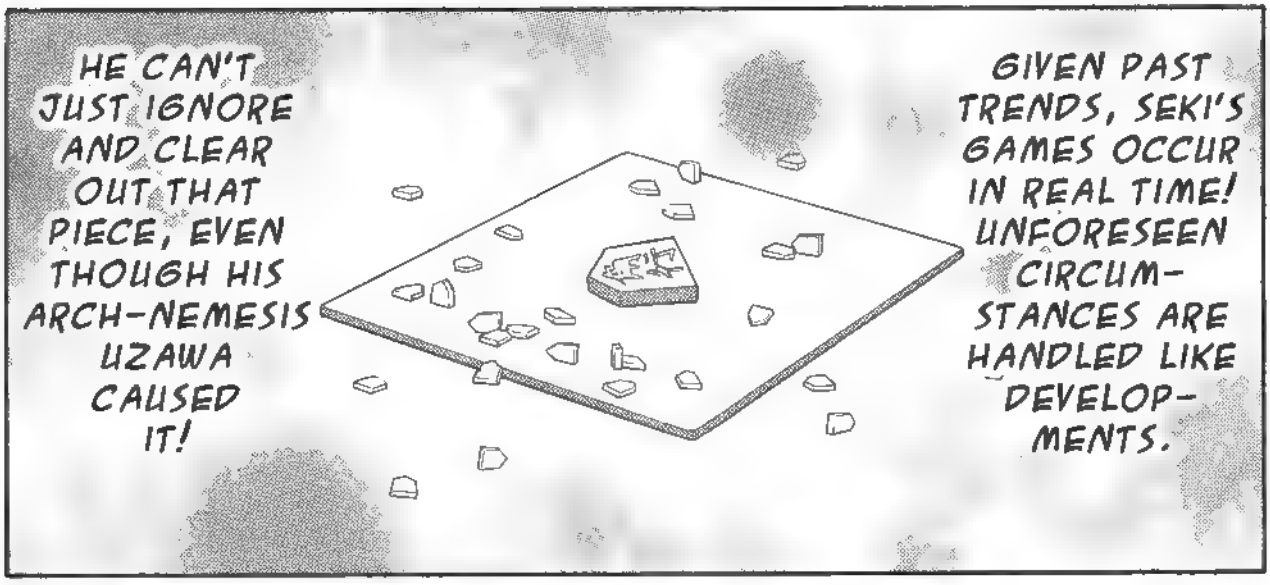
JUST CAME HURTLING OUT OF THE SKY!!
A GINOR-MOUS ENEMY!


YAY! ALL MINE FOR THE TAKING!
LEAVE IT TO UZAWA TO BLITHELY CREATE SUCH CHAOS.


THE BISHOP IS NOW THE KING OF THIS LAND!
EVEN WELL-TRAINED SOLDIERS CAN'T WIN AGAINST SUCH A SIZE DISPARITY!

BUT HE PROB-ABLY WON'T.

BUT IF SEKI JUST REMOVES THAT INVADING BISHOP, HE COULD KEEP GOING.
...
THERE'S NO AVOIDING ACCIDENTS IF ONE GOOFS OFF NEXT TO UZAWA.


HE CAN'T JUST IGNORE AND CLEAR OUT THAT PIECE, EVEN THOUGH HIS ARCH-NEMESIS UZAWA CAUSED IT!
GIVEN PAST TRENDS, SEKI'S GAMES OCCUR IN REAL TIME! UNFORESEEN CIRCUM-STANCES ARE HANDLED LIKE DEVELOP-MENTS.

SKAK
スイッ

IT'LL BE WORTH WATCHING HOW HE HANDLES A BIGGER OPPO-NENT.
YOU KNOW, SEKI USUALLY SIDES WITH THOSE WHO BULLY THE WEAK.
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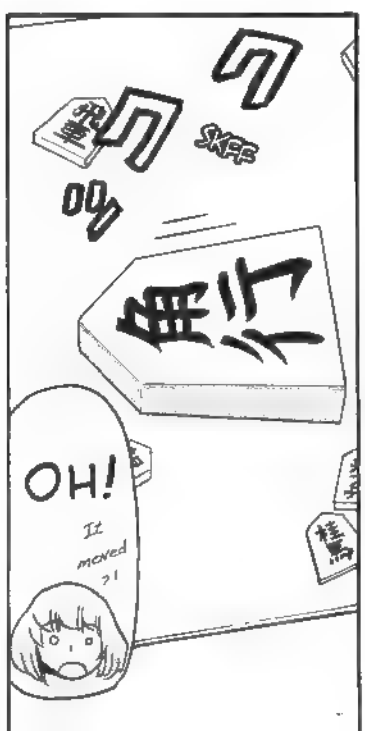
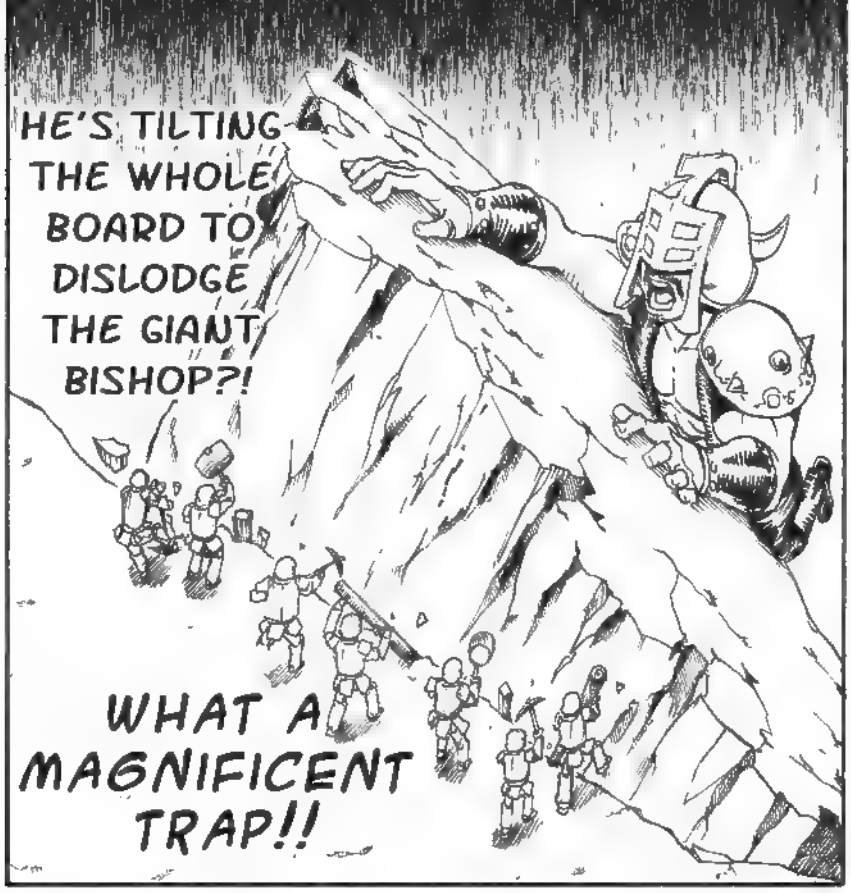

SKEE
OH!
It moved?!

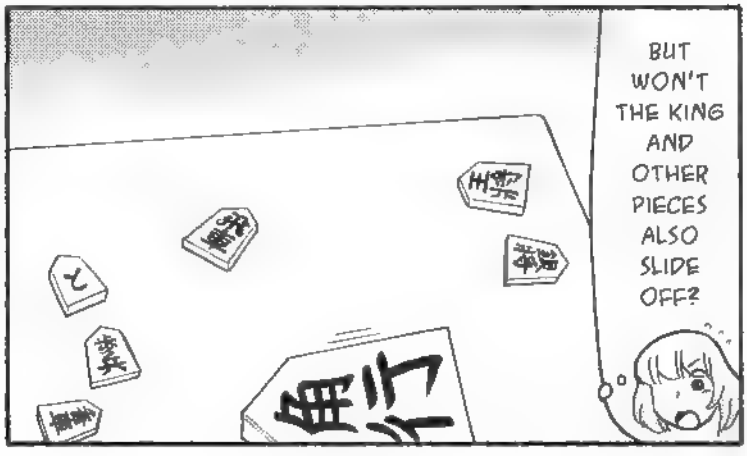
IT LOOKS THE SAME AS BEFORE, BUT...
DID YOU DO SOME-THING, SEKI?

Hiy SFF
Hiy SFF


HE'S TILTING THE WHOLE BOARD TO DISLODGE THE GIANT BISHOP?!
WHAT A MAGNIFICENT TRAP!!

OVER THERE!!

は,
AH!


BUT WON'T THE KING AND OTHER PIECES ALSO SLIDE OFF?

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KTAK
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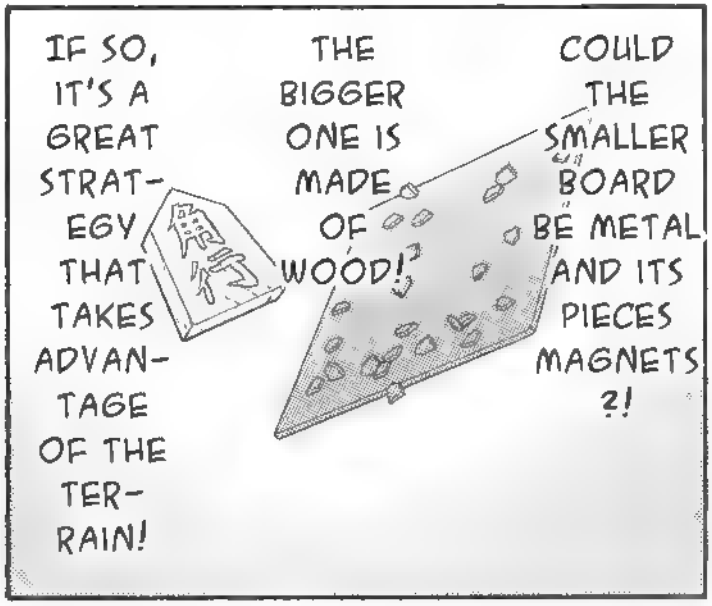
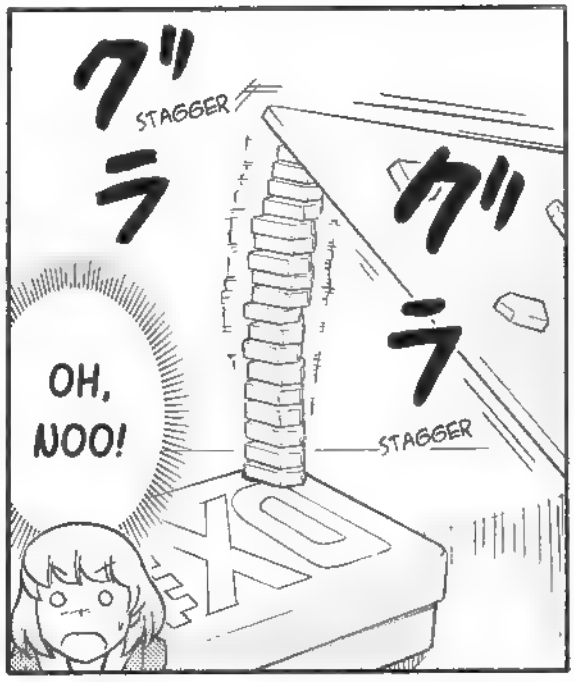
KTAK
DX Chogokin


IF SO, IT'S A GREAT STRAT-EGY THAT TAKES ADVAN-TAGE OF THE TER-RAIN!
THE BIGGER ONE IS MADE OF WOOD!
COULD THE SMALLER BOARD BE METAL AND ITS PIECES MAGNETS ?!

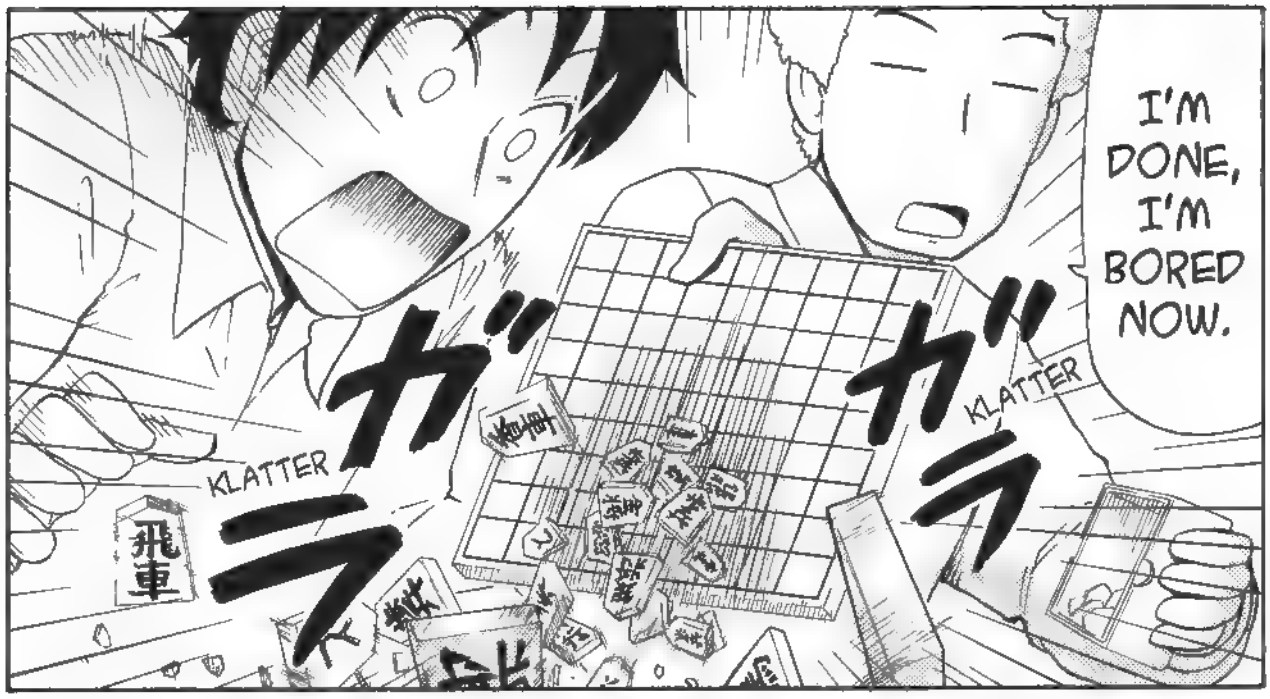
AH!
KLUNK
SLIDE


STAGGER
OH, NOO!
STAGGER

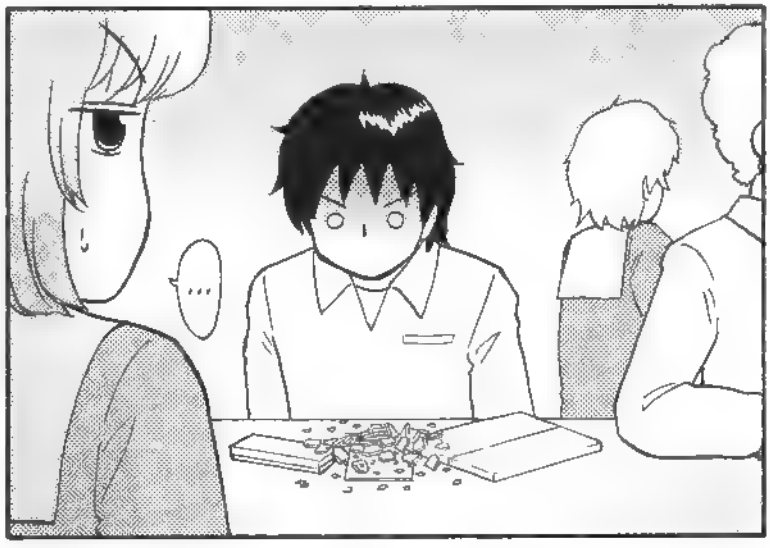
THEY'RE ALL SMALL BUT WORTHY!
THIS IS A WIN FOR TEAM-WORK!

THEY FELLED HIM!!

I'VE REVISED MY OPINION OF YOU!
YOU POSSESS AN IN-DOMI-TABLE SPIRIT!
GOOD JOB TO YOU, TOO, SEKI!


I'M DONE, I'M BORED NOW.
KLATTER
KLATTER
飛車

KLAK
KLAK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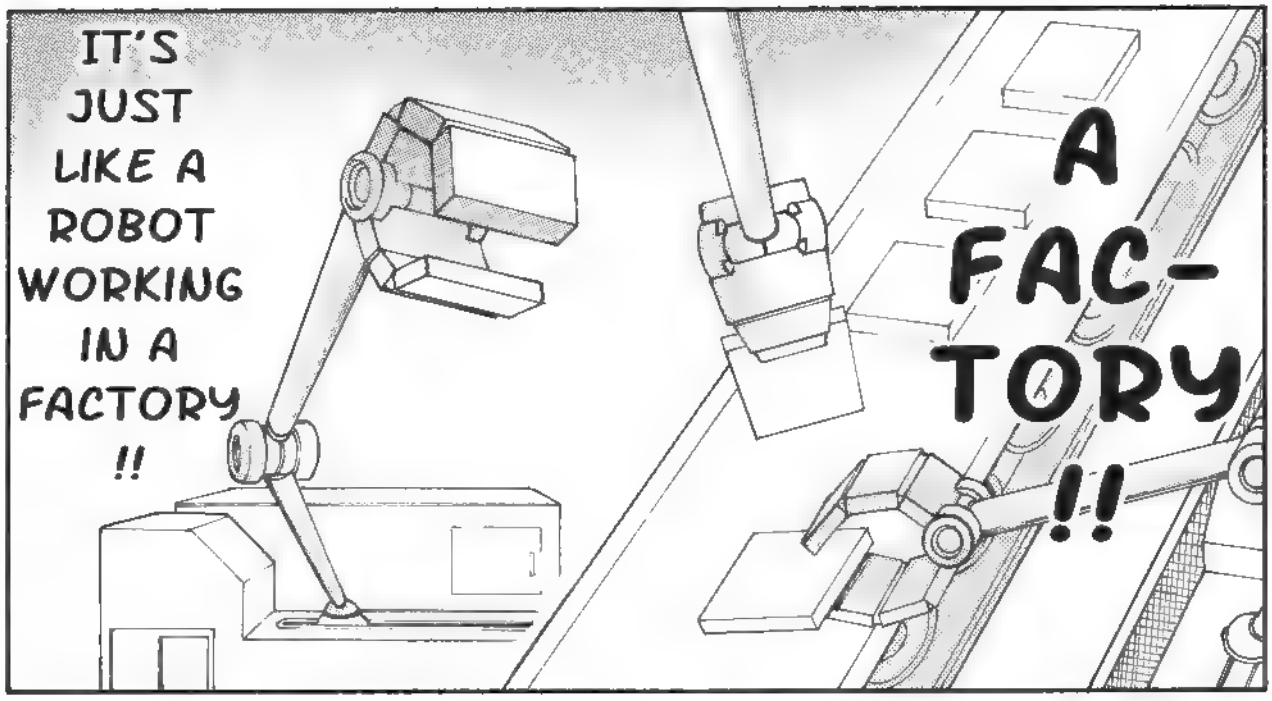
SEKI WAS UTTERLY DEFEATED AGAIN.
HE'S TOTALLY LOST THE WILL TO FIGHT.
HE FLED TO A DIFFER-ENT SEAT!
Baah

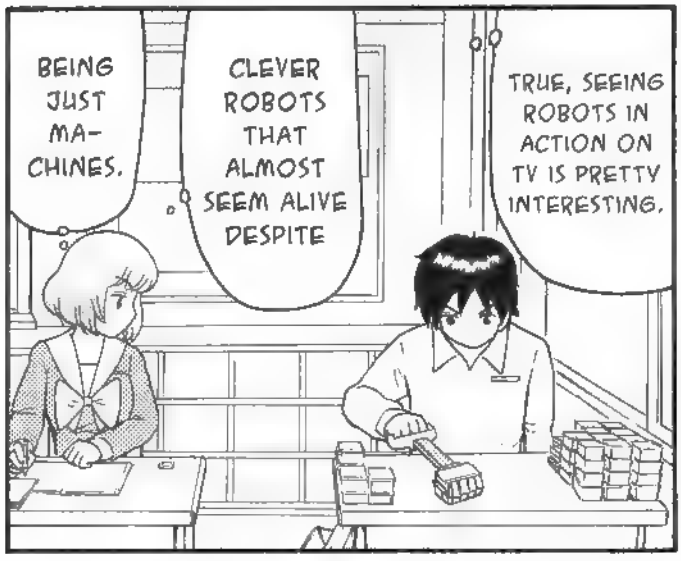
こそこそ
こそこそ

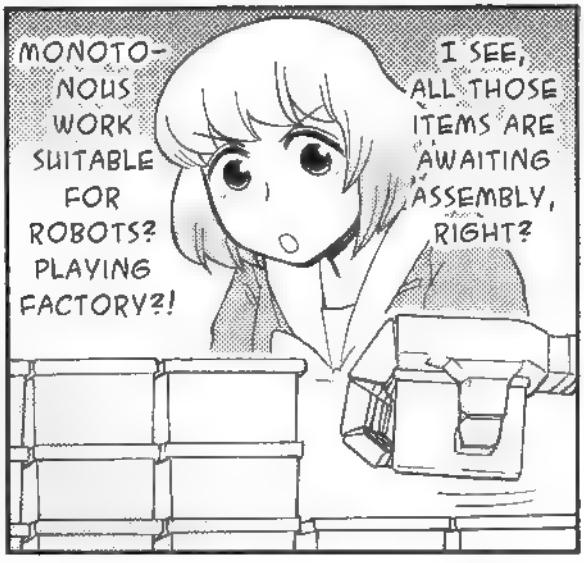
RUMMAGE
ゴソゴソ
58th Period
SKRITCH
カリ
SKRITCH
カリ
SKRITCH
カリ
どちゃっ
THMP
カタン
KTAK トン
SKFF
ゴソ
SKFF
ゴソ
AH!
KCHAK
カチャッ
WHAT THE HECK IS HE TRYING TO DO?
How'd he fit them in his bag?
I WAS GONNA IGNORE HIM, BUT THERE'S SO MUCH STUFF TODAY!

THEY USED TO SELL THOSE IN TOY STORES.
THAT TAKES ME BACK!
A ROBOT ARM?
IS THAT
KASHIK
カシュ
KASHIK
カシュッ
KLOP
BUT DOES HE REALLY NEED TO USE A ROBOT ARM FOR THAT...?
I SEE, HE'S GONNA PLAY BY STACKING THOSE MINI BINS, HUH.
TMP
トン
SPOP
カポ
KLAK
カタ

HE'S JUST SEALING AND STACKING THEM WITH THE ROBOT ARM?
ARE THEY TUPPERWARE HIS MOM USES IN THE KITCHEN?
THEY LOOK LIKE ORDINARY PLASTIC CONTAIN-ERS.
HUSSH
HUH? THAT'S IT?
OH, HE'S FINISHED ANOTHER SET ALREADY!
スッ
SHFF
THE EXACT SAME THING ?!
IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE HE'S GONNA DO ANYTHING SPECIAL.
Hm?
はっ
AH!
カン
KLAK
カパッ
SPOP
コトン
TMP
WHAT'S HIS GOAL?!


IT'S JUST LIKE A ROBOT WORKING IN A FACTORY !!
A FAC-TORY !!


BEING JUST MA-CHINES.
CLEVER ROBOTS THAT ALMOST SEEM ALIVE DESPITE
TRUE, SEEING ROBOTS IN ACTION ON TV IS PRETTY INTERESTING.


MONOTO-NOUS WORK SUITABLE FOR ROBOTS? PLAYING FACTORY?!
I SEE, ALL THOSE ITEMS ARE AWAITING ASSEMBLY, RIGHT?

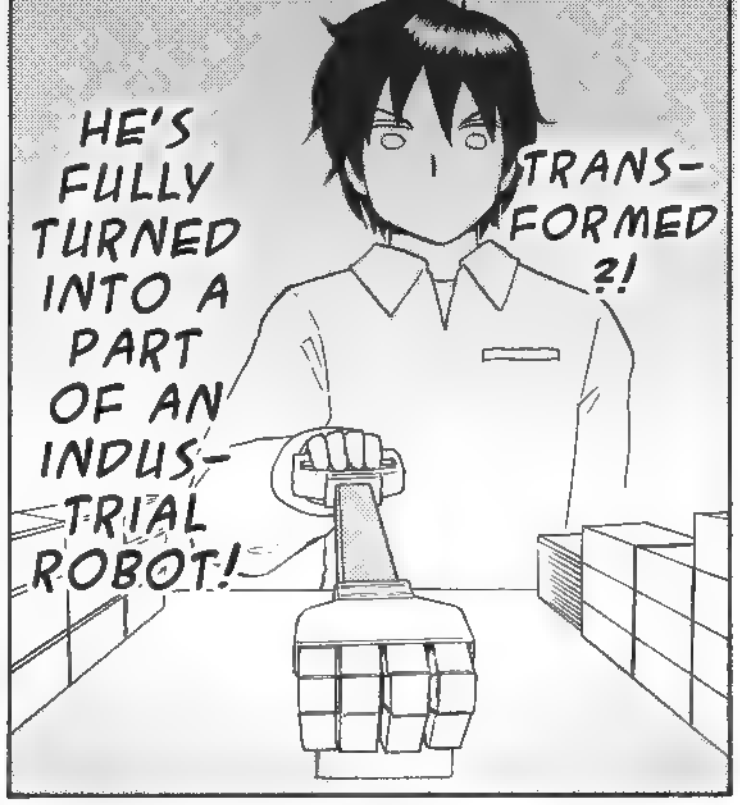
AH.
KNOCK
コ"

SIIGH
はーあ
FORGET IT. I'M GONNA STUDY.
not worth watch-ing

IT'S JUST SEKI MOVING STUFF AROUND.
BUT IN THE END,

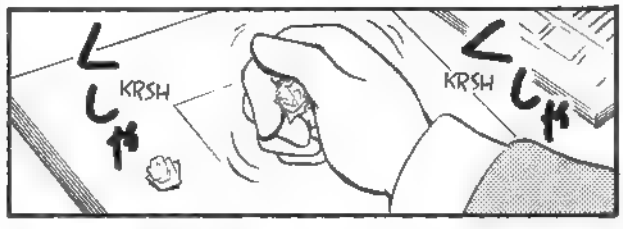
I CAN'T GET IT BACK FROM THERE!
BUT SEKI HATES BEING INTERRUPTED DURING HIS GAMES..
MY ERAS-ER!
コロ
BOUNCE
THMP
コトン
HUUSH
HE'S IGNOR-ING ME?! WHY?
MAYBE HE WON'T MIND?
OH, BUT HE'S USING THAT ROBOT ARM!
SAY, CAN YOU USE THAT TO PICK IT UP?
WHISPER
ヒソ
I DROPPED MY ERASER.
SEKI, SEKI!
DON'T TELL ME SEKI HAS
NO RE-SPONSE.
...
KTAK
カタン
KTAK
カタン

HMM, IS THAT SO.
I SEE, A MACHINE WOULDN'T HEAR VOICES.


HE'S FULLY TURNED INTO A PART OF AN INDUS-TRIAL ROBOT!
TRANS-FORMED?!

CAN'T KILL THEIR EMOTIONS SO EASILY!!
THWAP
THWAP

AH, BUT HUMANS
RIP
RIP


KRSH
KRSH

WHISPER
WHISPER
H-HEY, SEKI, YOU CAN HEAR ME, YES?
A-ARE YOU PISSED OFF?
eh heh heh

WHACK
WHACK

KLNK
カクッ
KRIMP
クシャッ
A COM-PLETELY EMOTION-LESS ACTION...
HE SIMPLY REMOVED THE FAC-TORY'S TRASH WITHOUT ANY HINT OF ANGER ?!
TOSS
ポイッ
DID SEKI TRULY WIPE AWAY HIS SOUL ?!

HIS HUMAN SOUL, THAT IS !!
I SOME-HOW NEED TO GET SEKI TO RE-TRIEVE IT RIGHT AWAY.
WILL HE REVERT TO HIMSELF? BUT CLASS WILL BE OVER IF I JUST WAIT.
WHAT A BOTHER. I CAN'T TAKE NOTES WITHOUT MY ERASER...
OH, RIGHT!
SHK カチャ
SHK カチャ
BOUNCE
THNK コツン
I'M SOR-RY!
LOB ポイッ

WHOMP
AH!
C'MON! REMEMBER LOVE, AND YOUR CARING HEART!
WELL? ISN'T IT CUTE? YOU LIKE CUTE THINGS, DON'T YOU, SEKI?
KASAK
OH, IT'S STUCK!
DANGLE
NO, NO, DON'T THROW IT OUT!
AAAH, IT FAILED?!
SWFF
DANGLE
DANGLE
DANGLE
ARGH, DON'T BE SO ROUGH!
SWING
SWING

Are you back?!
AH, BUT THAT'S STILL A HUMAN QUALITY, NO?
I WAS CALLING BACK HIS KIND HEART BUT HIS CRUEL HEART CAME OUT INSTEAD!

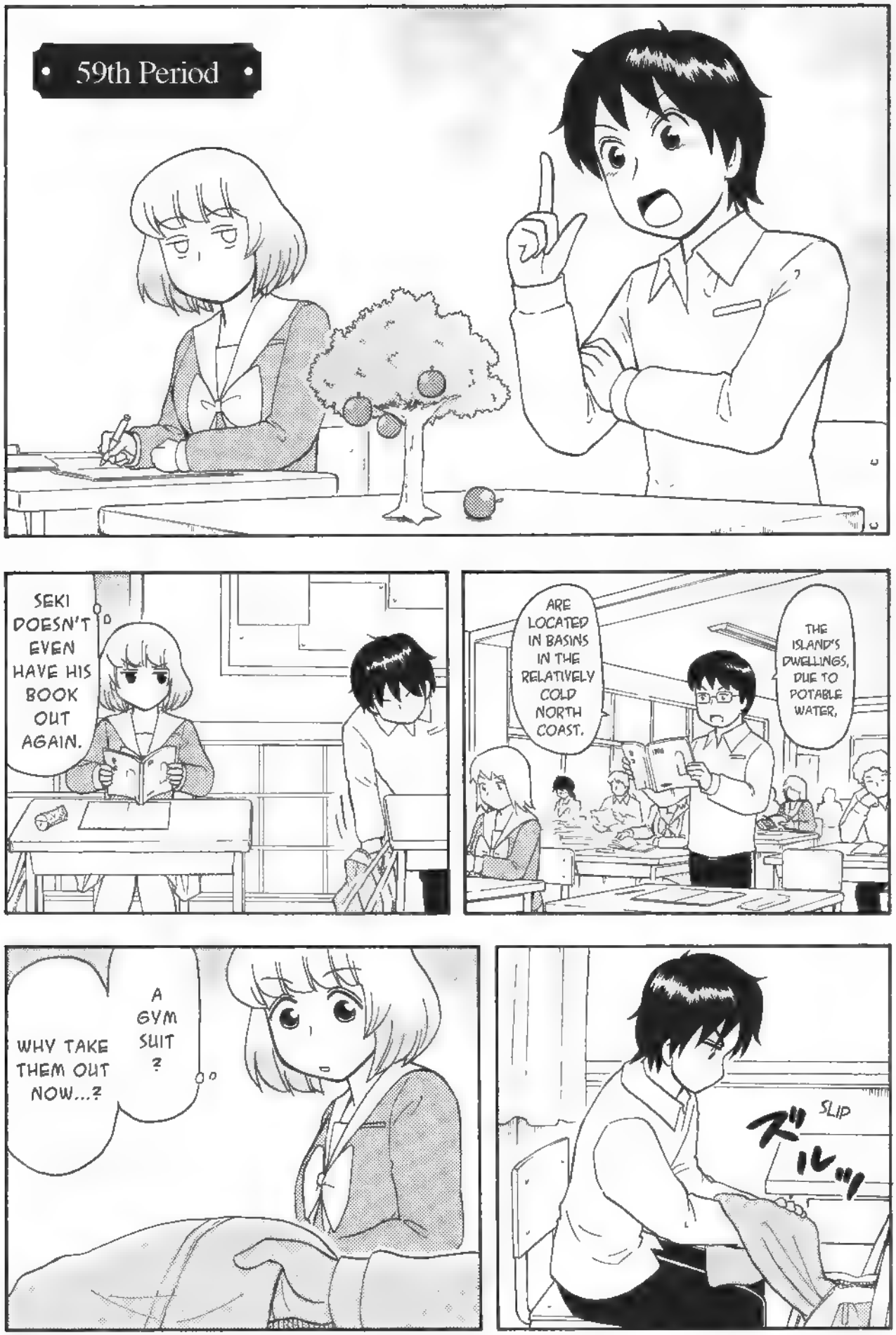
AN EVIL FACE
?! ニタア
SNEER

SEKI!

MY ERASER! GRAB IT!
!

?
?
サッ
SNATCH

?
THAT'S WHERE YOU SHOULD USE THE ROBOT ARM!
イラッ
IRK

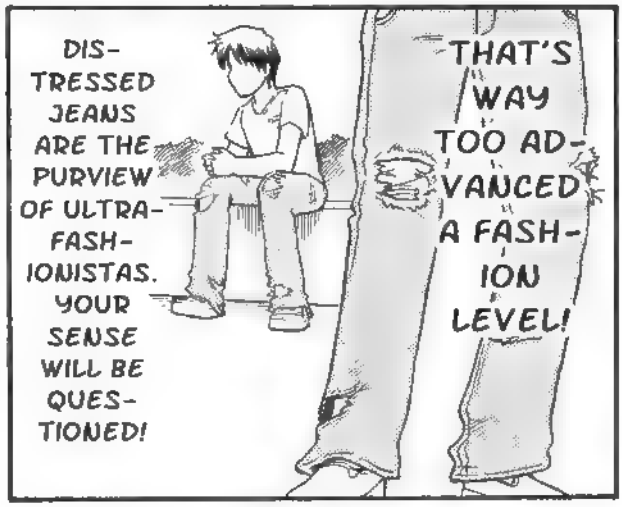

59th Period
SEKI DOESN'T EVEN HAVE HIS BOOK OUT AGAIN.
THE ISLAND'S DWELLINGS, DUE TO POTABLE WATER,
ARE LOCATED IN BASINS IN THE RELATIVELY COLD NORTH COAST.
A GYM SUIT?
WHY TAKE THEM OUT NOW...?
SLIP
ズルッ!!

HE PULLED OUT A PAIR OF JEANS, NOT SWEAT PANTS!
NO! THEY'RE JEANS!
SFF
す,
IS HE CHANGING INTO THEM AFTER SCHOOL TO STOP OFF SOME-WHERE?
BUT WHY?
OH WAIT, I'VE HEARD OF SOMETHING LIKE THIS.
HE'S SCOURING THE JEANS WITH A STONE-LIKE OBJECT?
!
SCRUB
ゴシゴシ
SCRUB

WHAT REFINED FRIVOLOUSNESS!
HE'S PUTTING THE FINAL TOUCH ON HIS OWN JEANS DURING CLASS?
THE METHOD DENIM CONNOISSEURS USE TO LIGHTEN THE SHADE TO MAKE THEM MORE FASHIONABLE?!
"STONE-WASHING!"
I DON'T RECALL HIM BEING FUSSY,
SEKI'S STREET CLOTHES...
BUT NOW HE GETS FASHION?
IF YOU'RE INEXPERIENCED, THEY COULD COME OUT LOOKING DIRTY INSTEAD. IT TAKES CONFIDENCE.
BUT ISN'T STONE-WASHING JEANS PRETTY DIFFICULT?
NO WAY ...!!
HUH?
HUH?
CHAK
カチャ

EEEEEEP!
ひゃあああ～っ
HE CUT THEM?! HE'S PUTTING HOLES IN THEM?!
ZNIP
ジャキン

THAT'S TOO HEAVY A BLOW TO BEAR!
ONE MISTAKE AND YOU'LL RUIN THE PAIR!


DIS-TRESSED JEANS ARE THE PURVIEW OF ULTRA-FASH-IONISTAS. YOUR SENSE WILL BE QUES-TIONED!
THAT'S WAY TOO AD-VANCED A FASH-ION LEVEL!

PEEK
チラッ

SHAKE
ブル
SHAKE
ブル
ZSH
ザッ
ZSH
ザッシュッ
ZSH
ザッシュ

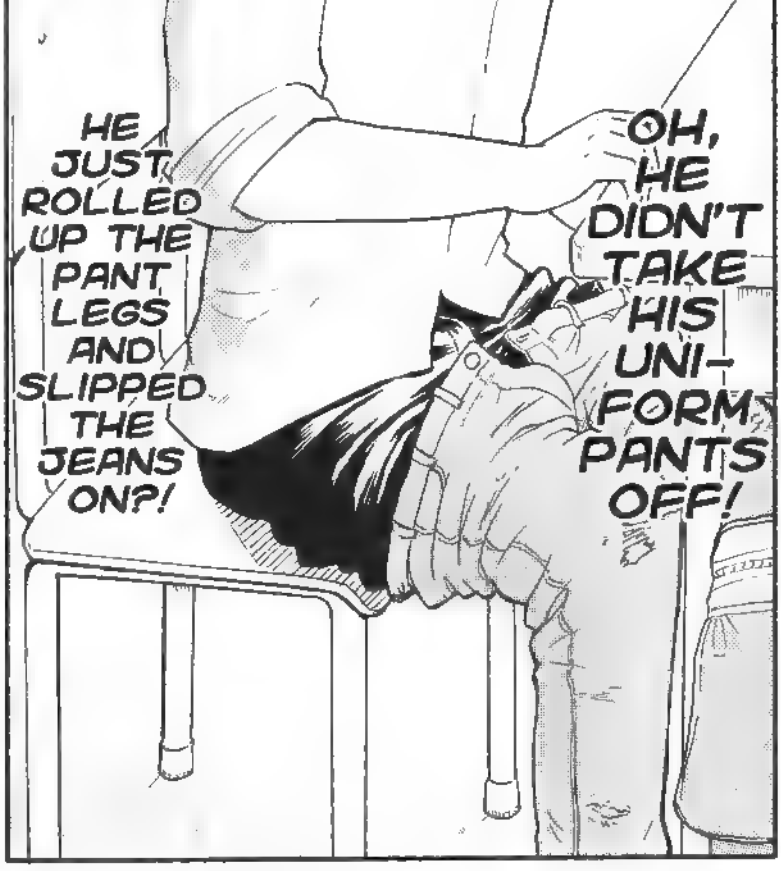
WAAAH!
ZKISH
ザッシュッ

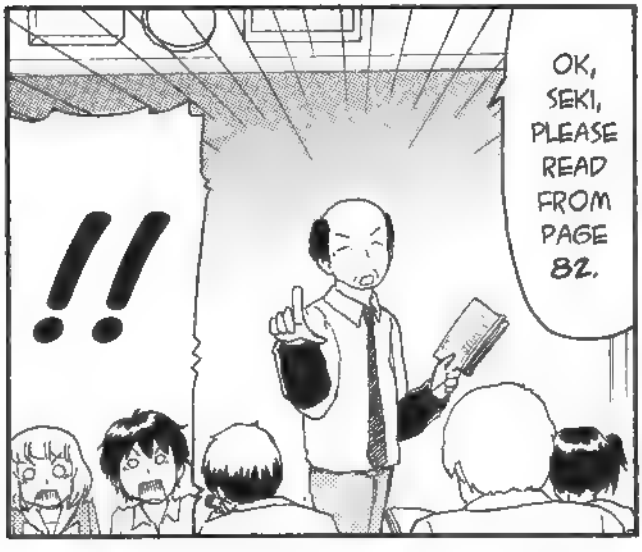
WELL DONE !!
AH!
YOU'VE GOT QUITE THE FASHION SENSE, SEKI!
VERY STYLISH !
YOU'VE CHANGED MY MIND!
THEY HAVE A FEELING OF BEING WELL-WORN, PLUS THE HOLES OPENED AT THE KNEES ARE VERY NATURAL!
A HUE THAT'S NOT TOO HARSH, RETAINING QUALITY WHILE REMOVING STIFFNESS.
HM ?
ゴ" SHFF
ゴ" SHFF

I THINK IT LINES UP PERFECTLY, BUT...
FIT
ピタ
はっ
GASP!
WHAT'S HE DOING UNDER THERE...
SHFF
ゴソ
...
NO... IS SEKI GONNA TRY THEM ON?!
A FIT-TING?!
RUSTLE
ゴソゴソ

DON'T TAKE OFF YOUR PANTS NEXT TO ME, PLEASE!
AND TO BOOT, JEANS ARE BOTTOM WEAR!
BUT WE'RE AT SCHOOL, AND IN THE MIDDLE OF CLASS!!
I MEAN, IT'S TEMPTING TO PUT ON NEW CLOTHES ON RIGHT AWAY...
I AM SO NOT LOOKING!
TURN
STOP IT, SEKI, YOU IDIOT!
HUH? HE'S WEARING THEM?!
UH, IT GOT QUIET.
DID HE GIVE UP TRYING?

DON'T FREAK ME OUT LIKE THAT!
WHEW~,
AW, GEEZ!


HE JUST ROLLED UP THE PANT LEGS AND SLIPPED THE JEANS ON?!
OH, HE DIDN'T TAKE HIS UNI-FORM PANTS OFF!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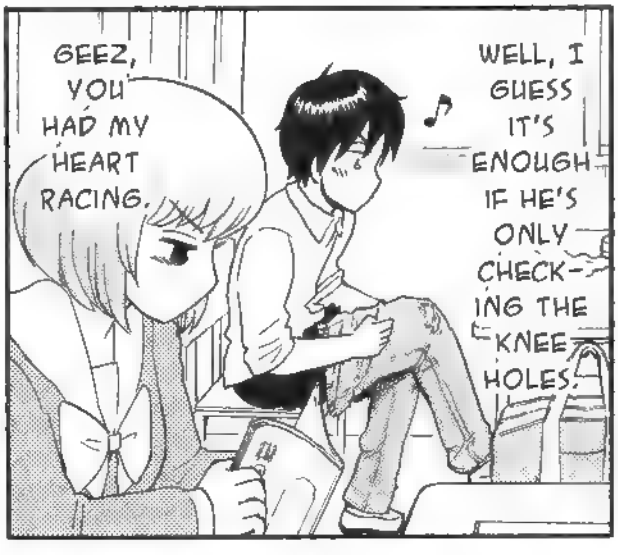
OK, SEKI, PLEASE READ FROM PAGE 82.

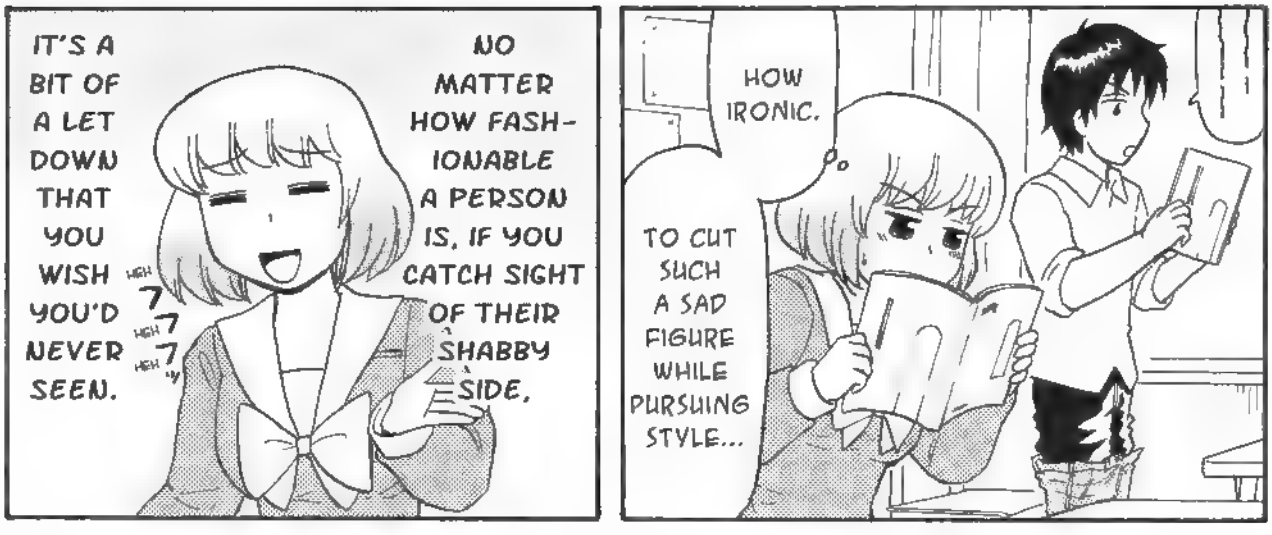

GEEZ, YOU HAD MY HEART RACING.
WELL, I GUESS IT'S ENOUGH IF HE'S ONLY CHECK-ING THE KNEE HOLES.

...

NO TIME TO AD-JUST THEM
BUT HIS PANTS...

FLIP
OH, HE GOT IT OUT.
SEKI, YOUR TEXT-BOOK...
SHWIP

HE STOOD UP LIKE THAT!!
WELL, IT'S TRUE THEY'RE NOT VISIBLE FROM THE FRONT.
GTLWK


IT'S A BIT OF A LET DOWN THAT YOU WISH YOU'D NEVER SEEN.
NO MATTER HOW FASH-IONABLE A PERSON IS, IF YOU CATCH SIGHT OF THEIR SHABBY SIDE,
HOW IRONIC.
TO CUT SUCH A SAD FIGURE WHILE PURSUING STYLE...

AH, YES!
YOKOI, READ THE NEXT PARAGRAPH.
KLATTER
YOU CAN STOP THERE.

ビリ!!
RIP
ずーん
GLOOM
HE SHOULDN'T HAVE PUT THOSE HOLES IN AFTER ALL...
OH, DEAR.
びろーん
GAPE
THE TEAR GOT BIG-GER!!
Doesn't look so good
JUST HOLD STILL!
HUH? WHAT?
プップ
GIGGLE
Where's that rip...
...
WHISPER
ヒソ
DONCHA THINK ...?
WAS THAT YOKOI JUST NOW?
ヒソ
WHISPER

60th Period
TODAY IS PARENT VISITING DAY.
IT'S NERVE-RACKING THINKING MY PARENTS ARE HERE.
チラッ
GLANCE
I'LL BE CALLING ON A LOT OF YOU TODAY, SO PAY ATTENTION!
ALL RIGHT, QUIET DOWN!
ガヤ
HUB
ガヤ
BUB
ガヤ
BUB
ガヤ
HUB

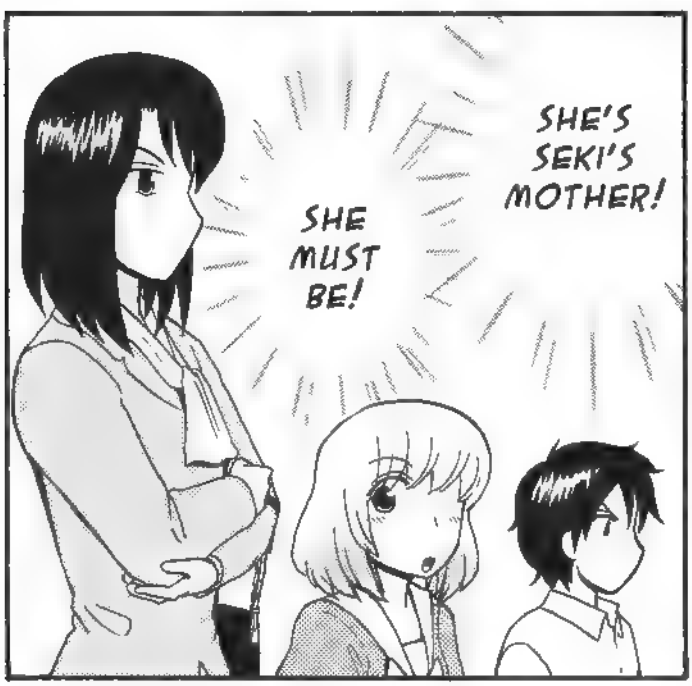
I WONDER IF I CAN ACTUALLY LEARN ANYTHING TODAY.
GEEZ, SO EMBAR-RASS-ING!
OH, STOP IT, MOM! DON'T WAVE AT ME!
WHEW!
AH, HE'S GOT HIS BOOKS OUT.
SO LONG AS SEKI DOESN'T DO ANYTHING WEIRD.
SHEE
HM ?
NO WAY YOU CAN GOOF OFF WITH SO MANY PEOPLE WATCHING.
EVEN MIGHTY SEKI...
THAT'S RIGHT.
HEH HEH HEH

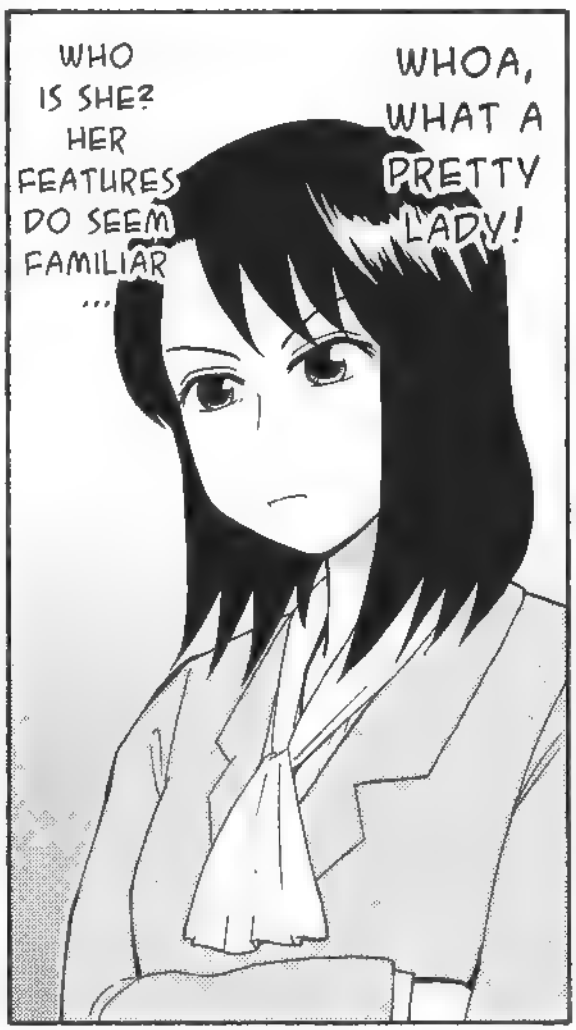
SHE'S CLEARLY STANDING CLOSER THAN THE OTHER PARENTS!
WEIRD!
HUH? WHAT? SOMEONE'S STANDING RIGHT BEHIND ME.

ズオ
LOOOOM

IS IT SOMEONE I KNOW?
チラッ
GLANCE
WHY ON EARTH?

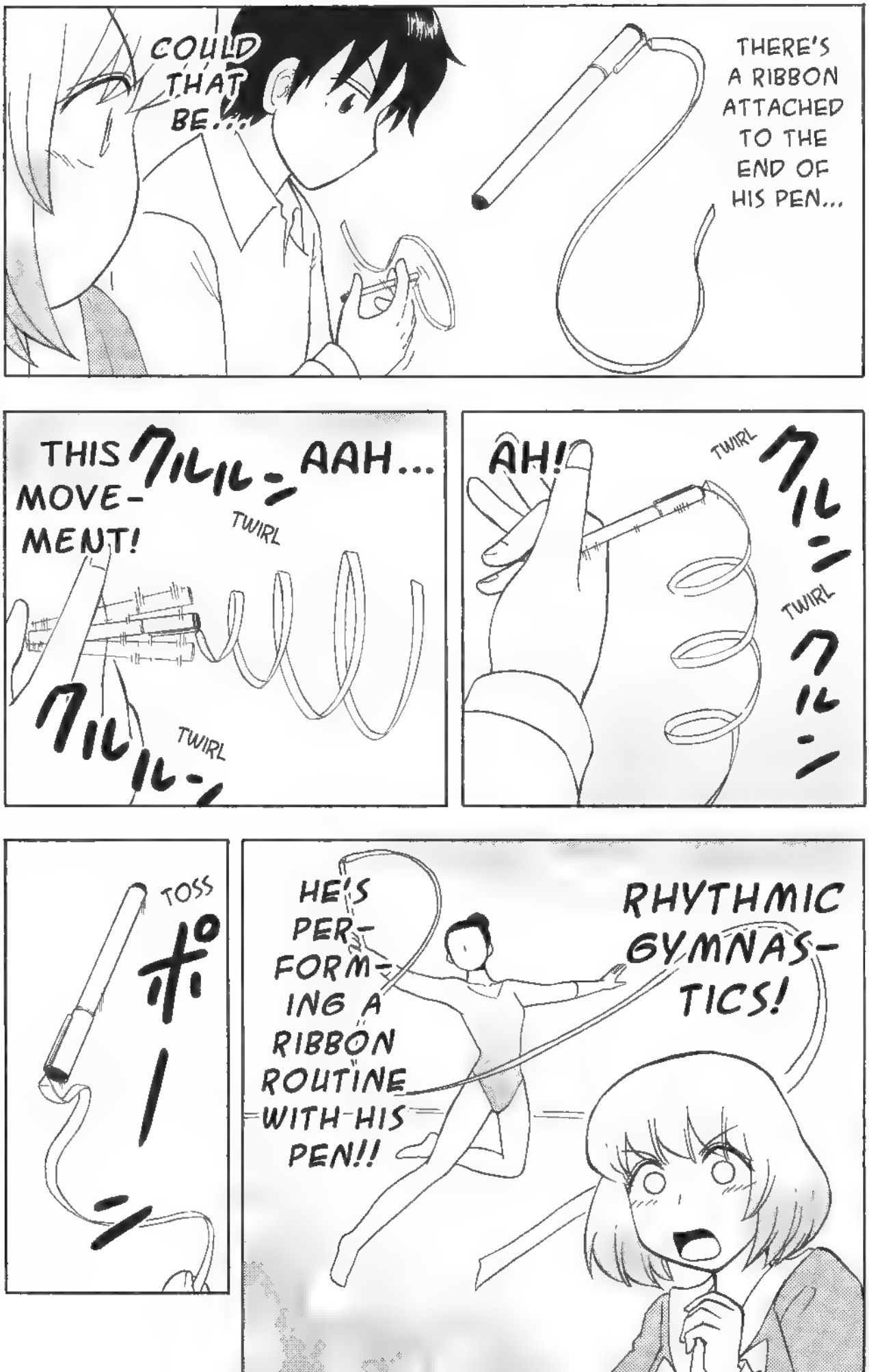
あっ
AH!


SHE'S SEKI'S MOTHER!
SHE MUST BE!

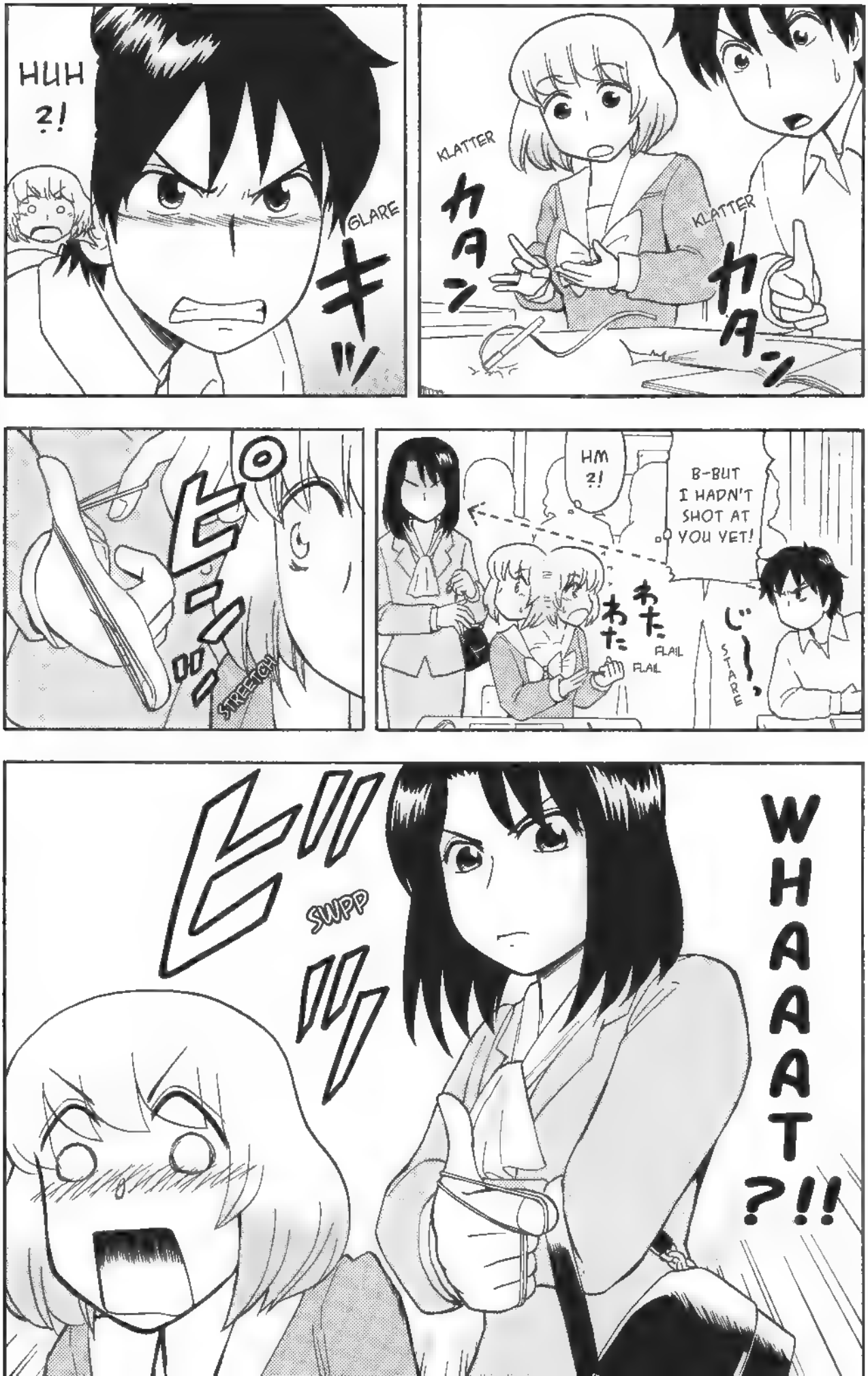

WHO IS SHE? HER FEATURES DO SEEM FAMILIAR ...
WHOA, WHAT A PRETTY LADY!

AND SHE'S MAD AT ME?
AT SEKI'S HOUSE.
BUT HERE I AM.
SHE FOUND OUT I TRES-PASSED ON HER HOUSE THE OTHER DAY...
DUH.
I SEE, SHE'S STANDING IN THAT ODD SPOT SO SHE CAN BE NEAR SEKI.
OH, COULD IT BE... ^^
BUT WHY NEAR ME AND NOT NEXT TO SEKI?
...
TWIRL
SHE IS GLARING AT ME, RIGHT?
STARE
OOH, I FEEL A HARSH GAZE ON ME.
AH!

IS PEN-SPIN-NING?!
DON'T TELL ME TODAY'S GAME
THAT MUST BE WHAT HIS MOM IS WATCH-ING.
HE'S BEEN TWIRL-ING THAT PEN FOR A WHILE...
BAD SEKI, SHOWING HER HOW IRRE-SPON-SIBLE YOU ARE! GEEZ!
POOR MOM, SHE MUST BE SO UNEASY.
BUT IT'S CLEARLY VISIBLE TO YOUR MOTHER!
IT'S SIMPLE, BUT LIKELY ONE OF THE FEW GAMES HE CAN DO TODAY.
FOR SURE, YOU CAN HIDE THAT SORT OF THING FROM PEOPLE BEHIND YOU, WITH YOUR BODY.
HM?
FLITTER
ヒラ…
SHOULD I CHASTISE SEKI ON HIS MOTHER'S BEHALF AS WELL?
A grave responsibility!
PER-HAPS...


COULD THAT BE...
THERE'S A RIBBON ATTACHED TO THE END OF HIS PEN...
THIS MOVE-MENT!
クルル～
AAH...
TWIRL
クルル～
TWIRL
AH!
TWIRL
クルル～
TWIRL
クルル～
TOSS
ヒュ～
HE'S PER-FORM-ING A RIBBON ROUTINE WITH HIS PEN!!
RHYTHMIC GYMNAS-TICS!

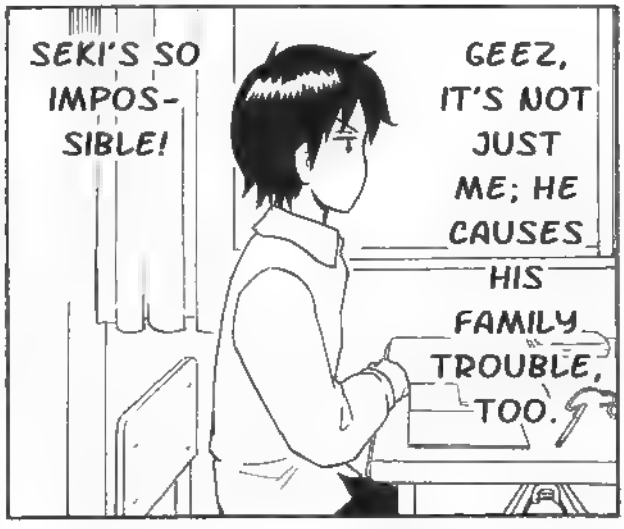
WOW! HIS SKILL IS IMPRESSIVE, BUT THERE'S ARTISTRY, TOO!
WHO KNEW SUCH AN APPLICA-TION OF...
A FIN-ISHING POSE!
SWAP
I ACTUALLY PREPARED SOME-THING IN MY PENCIL BAG IN ANTICIPA-TION OF THIS.
KACHAK
IT'S UN-FOR-GIV-ABLE!
BUT YOU'RE STILL GOOFING AROUND AS MUCH AS YOU PLEASE, SEKI!
WAIT, NO!!
!
WHSH
THWAP
I'LL INTER-RUPT YOU WITH THESE!
BULLETS MADE OF ERASER BITS!

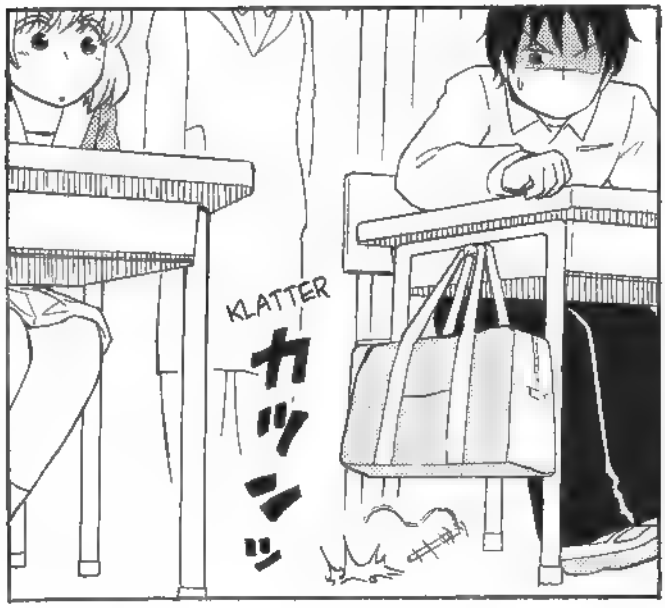

HUH ?!
GLARE
キッ
KLATTER
カタン
KLATTER
カタン
ヒ〜〜〜
SCREECH!
HM ?!
B-BUT I HADN'T SHOT AT YOU YET!
わた わた
FLAIL FLAIL
じ〜〜
STARE
ヒッ
SWPP
WHAAAT?!!

OH, IS THAT WHY SHE'S STANDING NEXT TO ME?
FROM HERE SHE CAN WATCH HIS HANDS AND AIM AT HIM.
SEKI'S MOTHER SHOT HIM WITH A RUBBER BAND!
A RUB-BER BAND !!
KNOWS
MEANS HIS MOM
THE FACT THAT SHE BROUGHT RUBBER BANDS WITH HER
NO, WAIT A SEC.
FLUSH
ホ...
SO THIS ISN'T THE FIRST OBSERVA-TION DAY WHERE HE'S PLAYED AROUND.
I CAN'T HELP IMAGIN-ING...
THAT SEKI'S ALWAYS GOOFING OFF IN CLASS!!

THE HISTORY OF HARDSHIP SUFFERED BY SEKI'S MOTHER!

HE'S GONNA KEEP AT IT? HE SHOWS NO REMORSE!
AH!
SNEAK
そそそ…


SEKI'S SO IMPOS-SIBLE!
GEEZ, IT'S NOT JUST ME; HE CAUSES HIS FAMILY TROUBLE, TOO.


KLATTER
カッンッ

THWAP
ビッ

AT HAN-DLING SEKI!
SHE'S A PRO
SHE STRUCK FIRST TO HINDER HIM.
WHOA!
A SPECIAL COM-MUNI-CATION STYLE JUST FOR SEKI!
TELLING HIM TO STUDY?
SHE'S TARGET-ING HIS TEXT-BOOK...
...
BUT HOW BOLD SHE IS AMONG SO MANY PEOPLE.
PING
PING
SFF
IT'S A BLIND ANGLE THAT HIS MOM CAN'T HIT!
OH, OVER THERE,
AH! HE'S PICKING UP HIS PEN?!
SHFF

ビシィッ!!
THWAP
ROLL
コロコロ
ROLL
○×#▲□
☆
!
ヒーン
PING
HEH
フッ
...

LET YOU DO AS YOU PLEASE ANY-MORE !!
BAM
SEKI, WE WON'T

HE'S RIGHT BACK TO PEN-SPIN-NING!
ARGH ...
TWIRL
TWIRL

HEH
RUSTLE

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE SUCH A SPLENDID DAY!
HIS FOOLING AROUND HAS BEEN FULLY SUP-PRESSED !
Ya! Ya!

THE RUBBER BAND WAS RE-PELLED ?! No way!
PING

PLEASE, NAB HIM!
SWIP

HE MODIFIED THE PEN INTO A KENPO WEAPON !!
NUN-CHUCKS ?!
WHIP
ARE THOSE ...
IT'S NO ORDI-NARY PEN?!
KLINK
EVEN WITH THE TWO OF US WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN'T STOP SEKI...
URGH ...
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE PRE-PARED SUCH A THING...
How skilled...
IF HE CAN DEFEND HIMSELF, WE CAN'T DO A THING!
WOOO
SPIN
SPIN

SHIFF
すっ
SNAP
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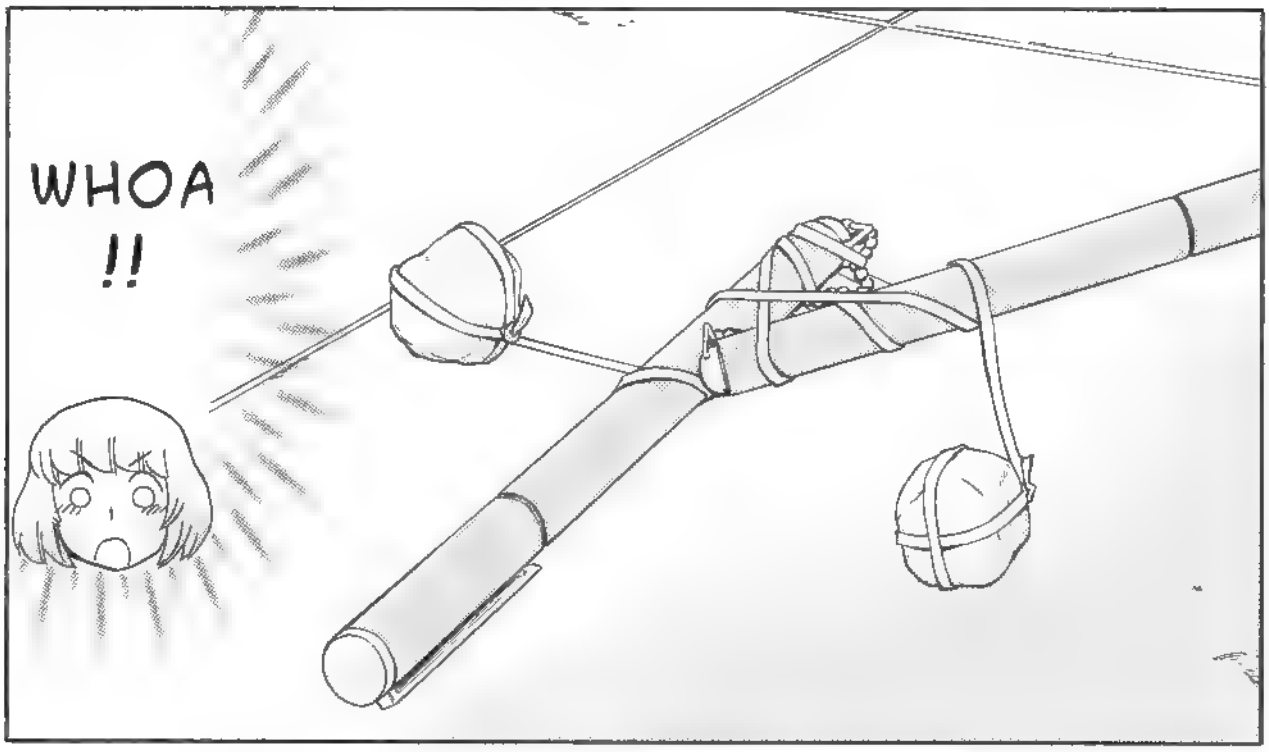
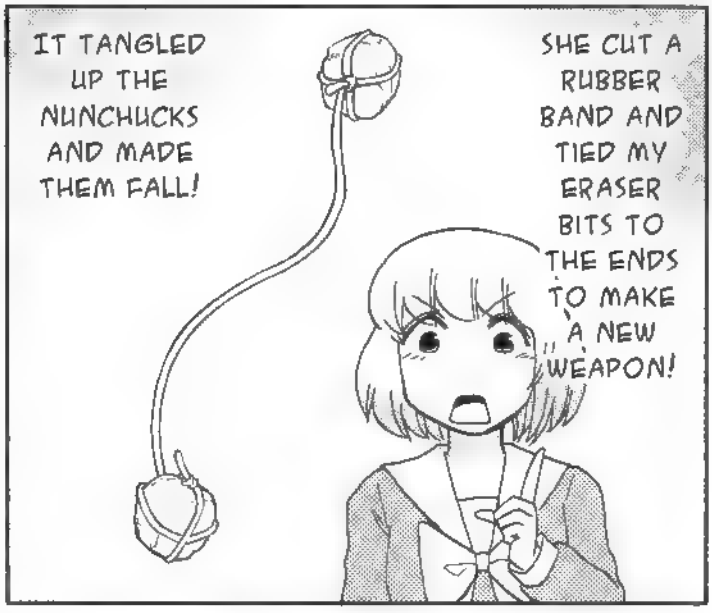
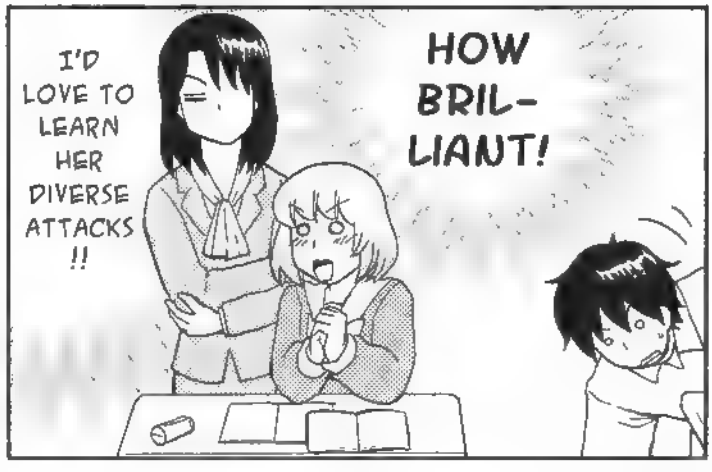
AH!
THWAK
ヒュンッ

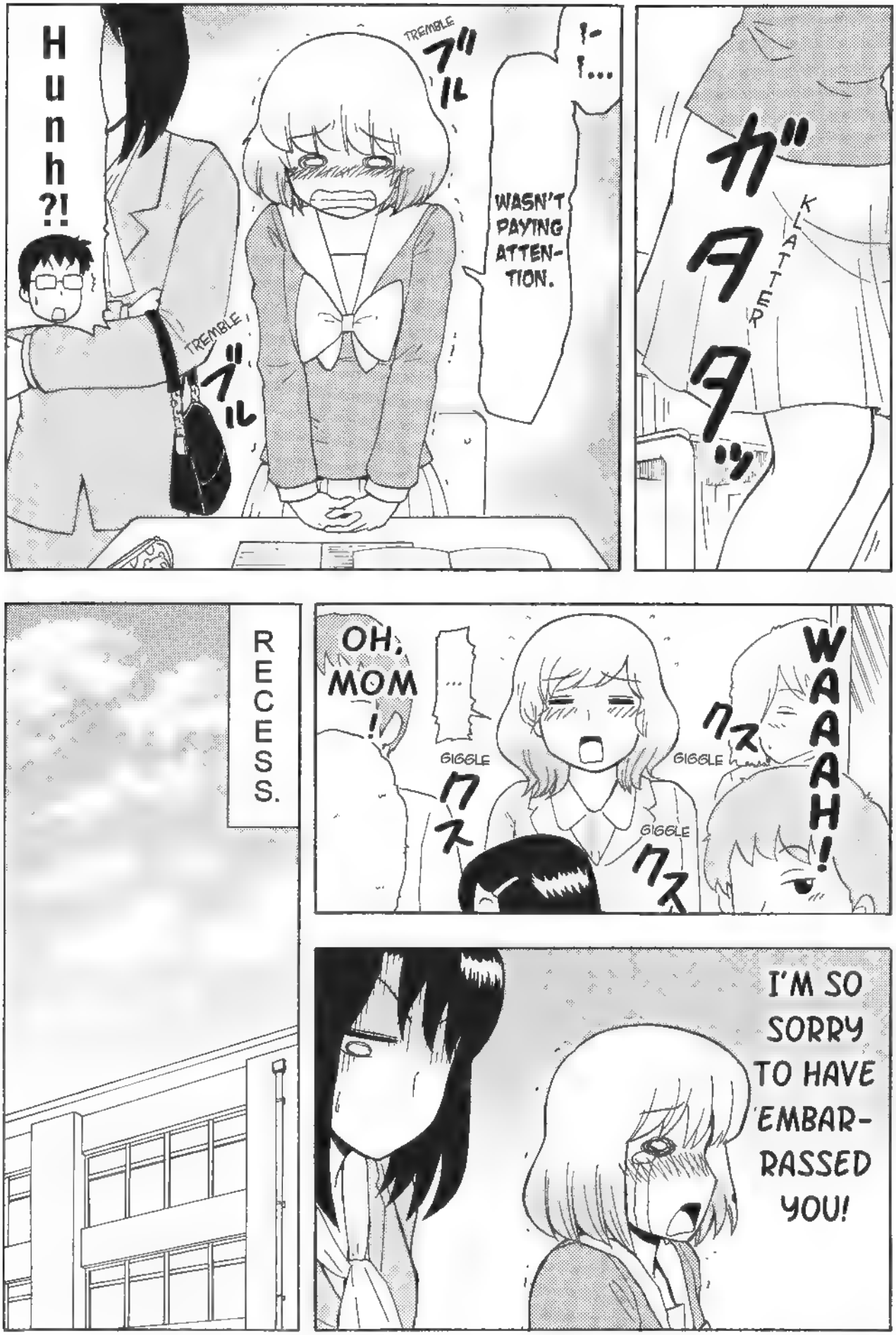

WHOA
!!

DON'T YOU DARE PICK IT UP!
FWIP
FWIP
SWAP
THWAP


IT TANGLED UP THE NUNCHUCKS AND MADE THEM FALL!
SHE CUT A RUBBER BAND AND TIED MY ERASER BITS TO THE ENDS TO MAKE A NEW WEAPON!


I'D LOVE TO LEARN HER DIVERSE ATTACKS !!
HOW BRIL-LIANT!

OH?
ぷいっ
SNUB
...!
Yo-koi.
HEH HEH
WERE THE TWO OF US TOO MEAN TO HIM?
HE'S SULK-ING?
SOLVE THIS PROB-LEM.
...HUH?
IT'S EASY, RIGHT?
YOU'RE SMILING, SO YOU MUST KNOW.
YOKOI!


Hunh?!
TREMBLE
ブル
!-
!...
WASN'T PAYING ATTEN-TION.
TREMBLE
ブル
ガタタッ
LATER
RECESS.
OH, MOM!
...
GIGGLE
クス
GIGGLE
クス
GIGGLE
クス
WAAAH!
I'M SO SORRY TO HAVE EMBAR-RASSED YOU!

SHIFF
BUB
WELL, I'LL BE GOING.
OK.
HUB
IT'S OKAY, I'M NOT MAD.
JUST PAY ATTENTION TO CLASS THIS AFTERNOON.
M-MRS. SEKI ...?
AH!
SHE'S SURPRISINGLY SHY.
WHAT IS THIS?
HUH? WAIT!
DASH!
HUH?
HUH?
THRUST

Economy-size
Original
Dharma brand
Rubber Bands
AH!
HMM, BUT STILL,
ぴ～ん
STREETCH
STREETCH
ぴ～ん
...
OR IS THAT POINT-LESS?
SHOULDN'T HIS MOTHER REPRIMAND HIM MORE?
How do I shoot these?
STRETCH
STRETCH
ぴ～ん
I SHALL DO MY BEST!!
MRS. SEKI,

My Neighbor Seki

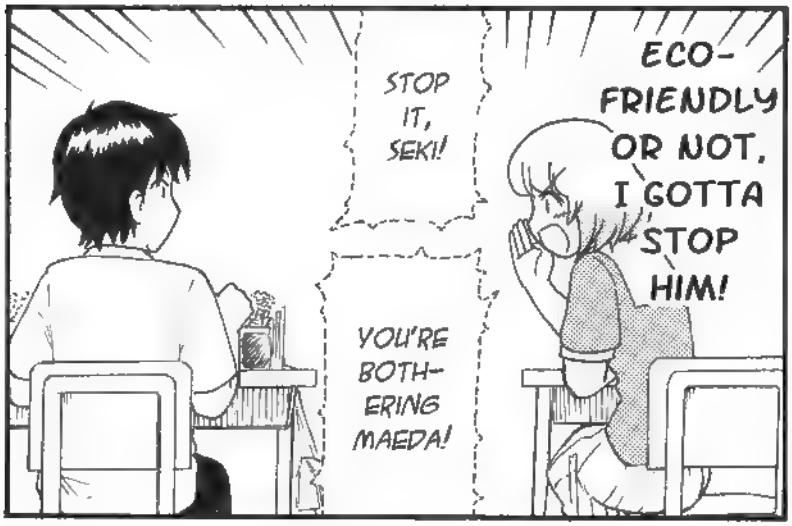
61st Period
MORN-ING!
YO!
WOW!
WHAT PRETTY FLOWERS! DID YOU BRING THEM, GOTO?
AH, YES!
I GREW THEM IN OUR GARDEN WITH MY MOTHER'S HELP.
SUCH GREAT FLOWERS IN YOUR GARDEN?
AMAZ-ING!
HOW LOVELY... I WISH I COULD GARDEN, TOO.
I WANT TO TRY IT SOMEDAY...

SHAAAA
HE BEAT ME TO IT.
I REFUSE TO BE IMPRESSED, EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE A BOY. OR RATHER...
HOW CAN YOU GARDEN ON YOUR DESK DURING CLASS?!

NOT REALLY SOMETHING WORTH QUARRELING OVER.
WELL, FLOWERS IN THE CLASS-ROOM ISN'T ALL THAT BAD.
TEE HEE
HEY NOW! I DON'T THINK THAT'S A FREE-USE SPACE?
THOUGH IT IS PICTUR-ESQUE.
KTAK
AH, HE'S PUT SOME ON THE WINDOW-SILL, TOO!
ARE ACTUALLY REPUR-POSED PLASTIC BOTTLES-?!
UPON CLOSER INSPEC-TION, THOSE TINY, PRETTY PLANT POTS
GASP!
I NEED TO GET ANGRY AND START PRESSUR-ING HIM NOW.
THAT'S RIGHT. KNOWING SEKI, HE MIGHT ESCALATE IT FURTHER.

SEKI'S GARDENING IN AN EARTH-FRIENDLY MANNER!
HOW ECO-FRIENDLY!!
FURTHERMORE, IS THAT SHREDDED STYROFOAM USED TO LINE THE POTS?!
AND THAT FENCE CONSTRUCTED FROM WASHED CHOPSTICKS?!
FSH
すっ
IT'S COMMENDABLE, SO I'M HESITANT TO REPRIMAND HIM LIKE USUAL. PLUS IT'S GREEN.
BEING ECO-CONSCIOUS, HE'S LIKE A CLEVER HAUSFRAU ...
AH!
HOIST
そお

A CLEARLY ANNOYING ACT!
HE'S EXPANDING THE GARDEN WITH A RACK OFF THE BACK OF MAEDA'S CHAIR!

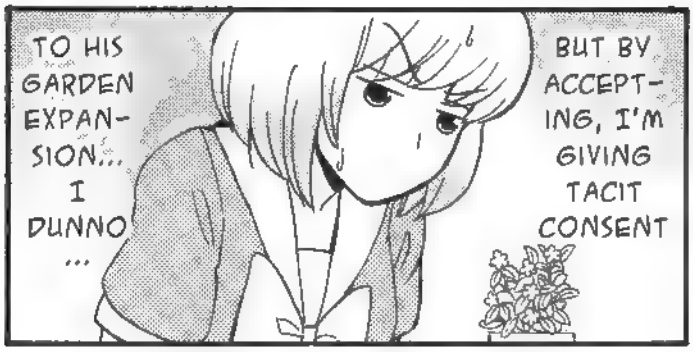

STOP IT, SEKI!
YOU'RE BOTHERING MAEDA!
ECO-FRIENDLY OR NOT, I GOTTA STOP HIM!

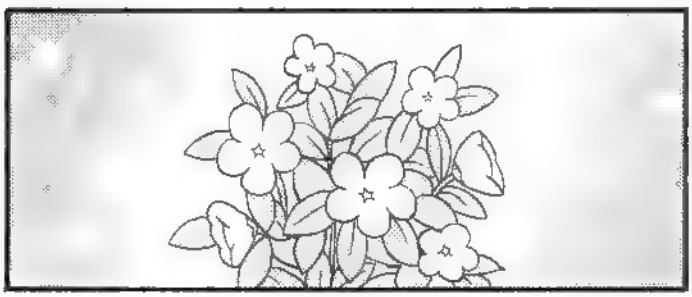
THAT HE'D BOTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE STUDYING HARD!
THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT I WAS AFRAID OF—

HRM ?
にへらっ
BEAM

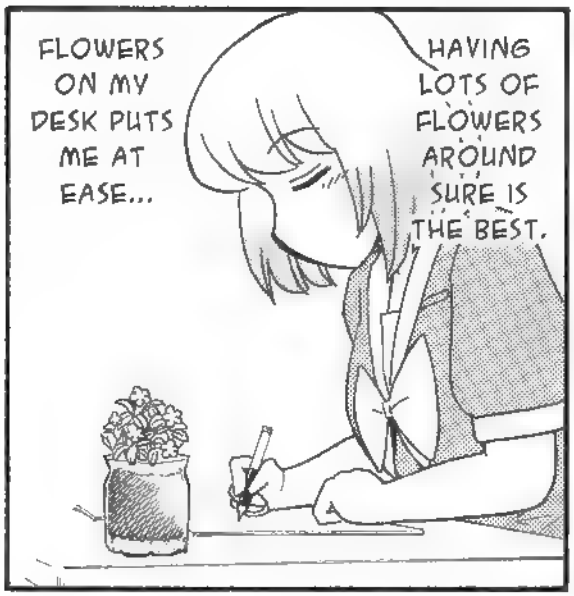
...

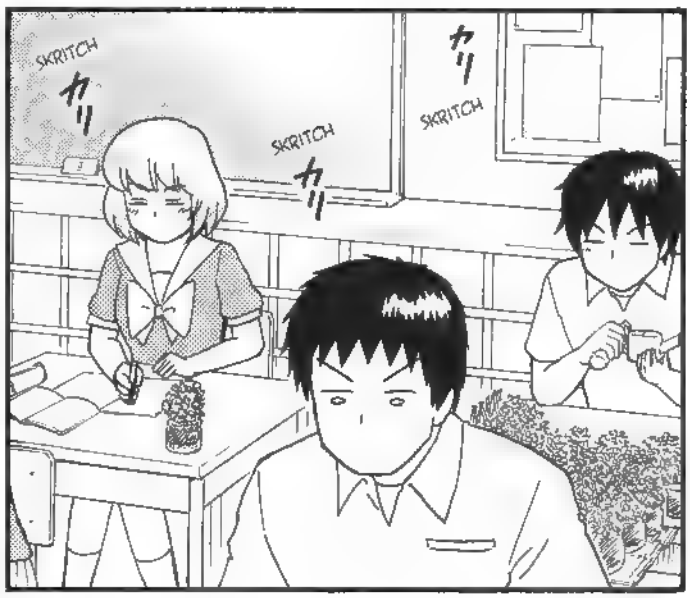
SHFF
さささっ


TO HIS GARDEN EXPAN-SION... I DUNNO ...
BUT BY ACCEPT-ING, I'M GIVING TACIT CONSENT



HUH? WHAT?
HE'S WILLING TO GIFT ME THIS PLANT?
ARE YOU SURE?


FLOWERS ON MY DESK PUTS ME AT EASE...
HAVING LOTS OF FLOWERS AROUND SURE IS THE BEST.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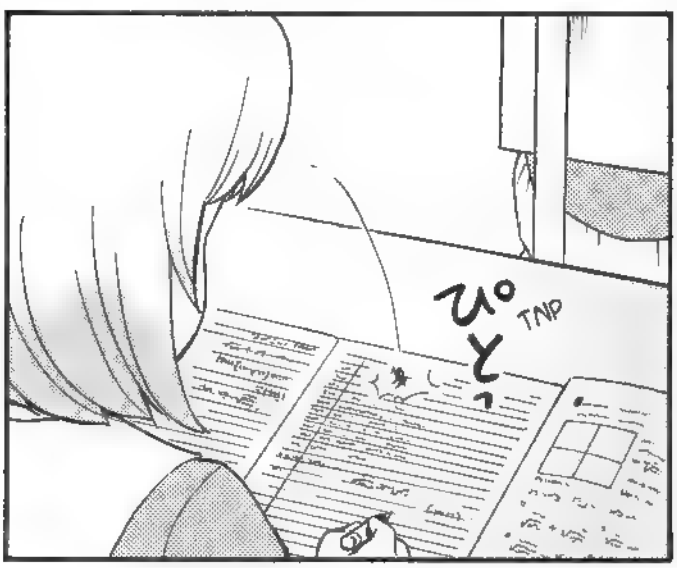
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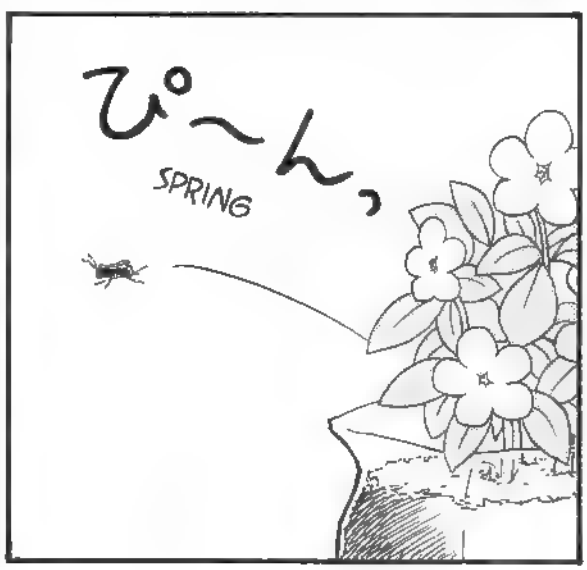
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SPRING

FLAIL
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WHEEZE
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WHEEZE
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HOP
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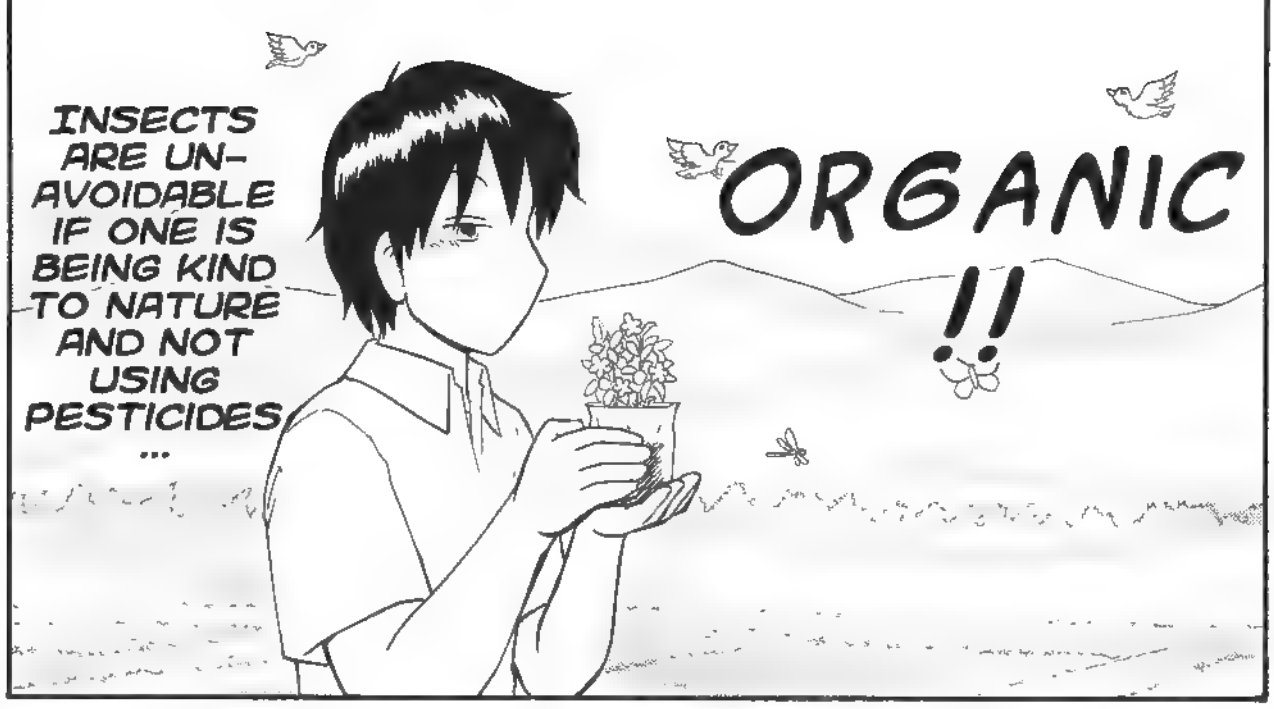
SEKI. BUGS! BUGS!
YOU CAN'T BRING SUCH THINGS INTO CLASS!
GEEZ, IT'S SO UNLIKE SEKI...
HM ?
WAIT A MINUTE, I THINK I'VE HEARD OF THIS.


INSECTS ARE UN-AVOIDABLE IF ONE IS BEING KIND TO NATURE AND NOT USING PESTICIDES ...
ORGANIC !!

KACHAK
ジャラッ

I GOTTA PUT UP WITH THE BUGS, AT LEAST...
'CAUSE IT'S ECO-FRIEND-LY.
SHAKE
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SO ECO-CON-SCIOUS...
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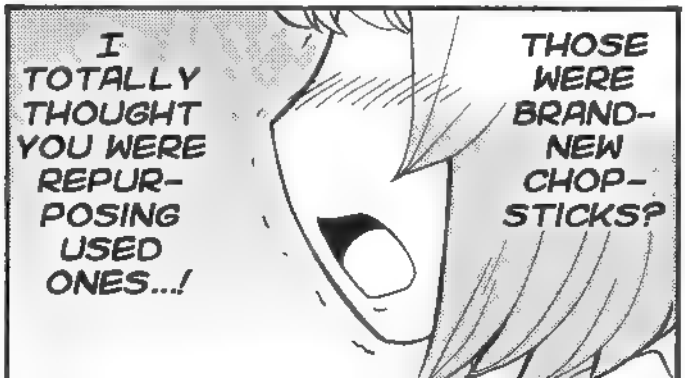
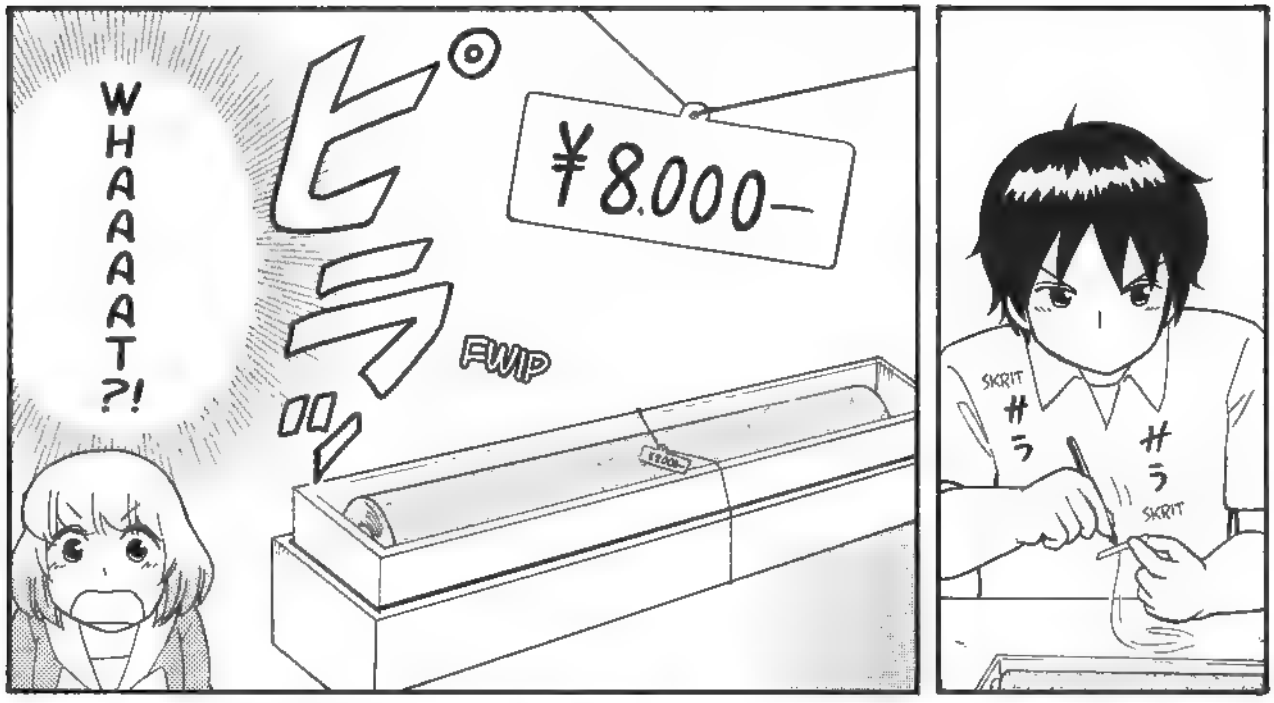

I TOTALLY THOUGHT YOU WERE REPUR-POSING USED ONES...!
THOSE WERE BRAND-NEW CHOP-STICKS?

SHOVE
I DON'T WANT THIS ANY MORE!
YOU'RE BEING ANTI-GREEN!
WHAT A WASTE OF WOOD RE-SOURCES!
STRETCH
PUT ALL OF THAT AWAY, STAT!
Bugs!
Bugs!
YOU'RE NOT THINKING ABOUT OTHERS AT ALL!
AIEEE!
THWAK
CLEAN IT UP OR I'LL USE THIS...
GRIK
GRIK
A RUBBER BAND I GOT FROM YOUR MOM!
OH, NO...
PING

...
WHAT SHOULD I DO? APOLOGIZE?
He's gonna yell at me...
I ACCIDENTALLY HIT MAEDA.
IS IT OBVIOUS FROM THE ANGLE THAT IT WAS ME?!
SHEE
さささっ
はあっ
SIGH
HUH?!
I WONDER WHAT MAEDA THINKS OF ME...
OOOH...
うううう
HUH?!
NO WAY! A LOVE TRIANGLE?!
HE JUST SIGHS, WITHOUT ANY SURPRISE OR SUSPICION?!
IS HE JUST TOTALLY RESIGNED?!
WHY DID HE HAVE THAT REACTION?

NOW THEN, NEXT ...
MAKE SURE YOU REMEMBER THAT.
THE CONSTITU-TION AND INSTITUTIONS WERE CRITICAL IN THIS ERA.
62nd Period
IS THAT, UM, AN INKWASH PAINTING?
STARE
OH, HE'S PUT-TING IT AWAY.
ROLL
ROLL
IS TODAY'S GAME ART APPRECIA-TION?
HE'S LOOKING AT IT VERY INTENTLY.
THAT'D BE NICE AND QUIET.


WHAAAAT?!
ヒラ
FLIP
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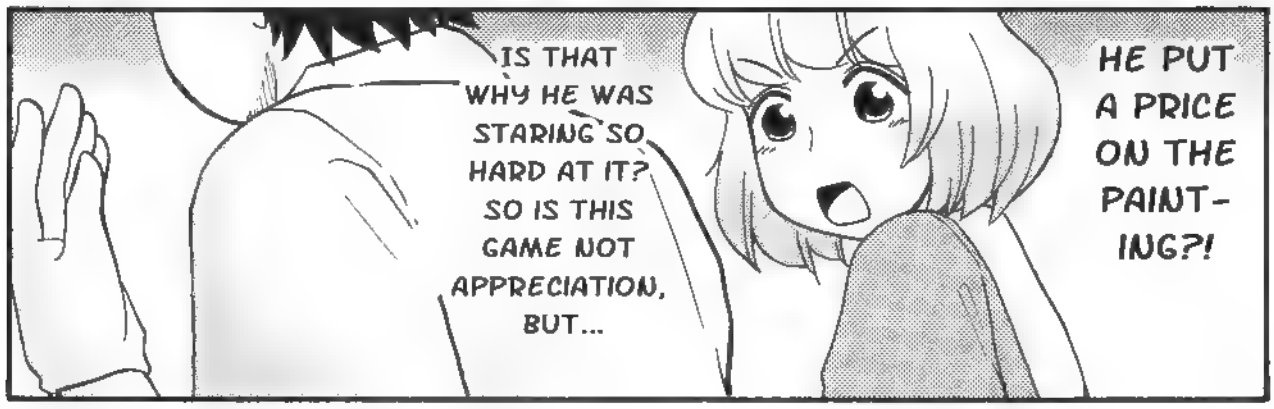
SKRIT
SKRIT


IS THAT WHY HE WAS STARING SO HARD AT IT? SO IS THIS GAME NOT APPRECIATION, BUT...
HE PUT A PRICE ON THE PAINT-ING?!

HE'S JUST IMITATING AN APPRAISER LIKE THE ONES ON TV, RIGHT?
THERE'S NO WAY HE CAN REALLY DO THAT.

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ART APPRAISAL ?!

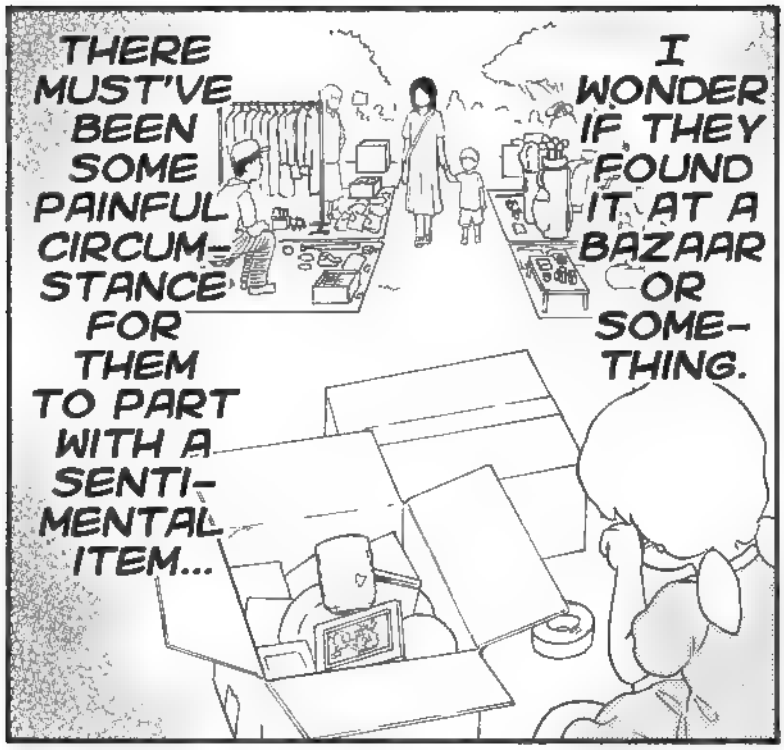
*Note: 1 yen is about 1 U.S. cent.

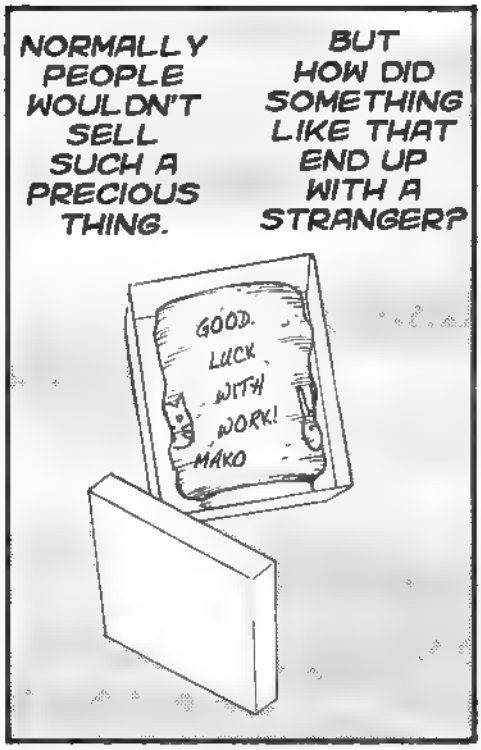
GACHNK
ガチャン
ZWSH
ザァー
AAAH!
NO WAY, IT'S GOTTA BE WORTH MORE!
700 YEN?! IT'S THAT CHEAP?
IT'S STILL A NICE TEACUP, EVEN IF IT'S CHEAP.
HE TREATS THEM CARELESSLY ONCE HE'S SET THE PRICES...
I CAN'T SEE HOW IT COULD BE WORTH MUCH.
WELL, THAT LOOKS LIKE NOTHING MORE THAN A WEIRD GLASS BOWL.
STARE
What poor taste
STARE
...
7°
SHAKE
7°
SHAKE

KACHING
¥3,000,000-
3 MIL-LION YEN ?!
はい、
HAA
HM ?!
SKRIT
SKRIT
A LIE, IT'S GOTTA BE A LIE!!
NO, NO, THERE'S NO WAY YOU HAVE SOMETHING SO EXPEN-SIVE!!
HM ?
I'M FOCUS-ING ON CLASS.
HOW IDIOTIC. I CAN'T KEEP UP.

IT DOES LOOK SIMILAR...
SHO-SOIN TREA-SURES?
GLASS VESSELS THAT TRAV-ELED THE SILK ROAD.
WHICH MEANS THAT BOWL...
KNOWING SEKI, HE COULD'VE RESEARCHED THE INFO BEFORE-HAND.
I MEAN, THEY'RE IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO APPEAR IN A HISTORY TEXTBOOK.
SUCH OBJECTS WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE WORTH A LOT.
I CAN'T COMPLETELY DISMISS THE POSSIBILITY...
THOUGH SEKI'S FAMILY MIGHT'VE EXCAVATED OLD THINGS FROM SOME-WHERE.
BUT HOW'D HE ACQUIRE A 3 MILLION YEN BOWL ...?
DON'T TELL ME... IT'S GENU-INE?

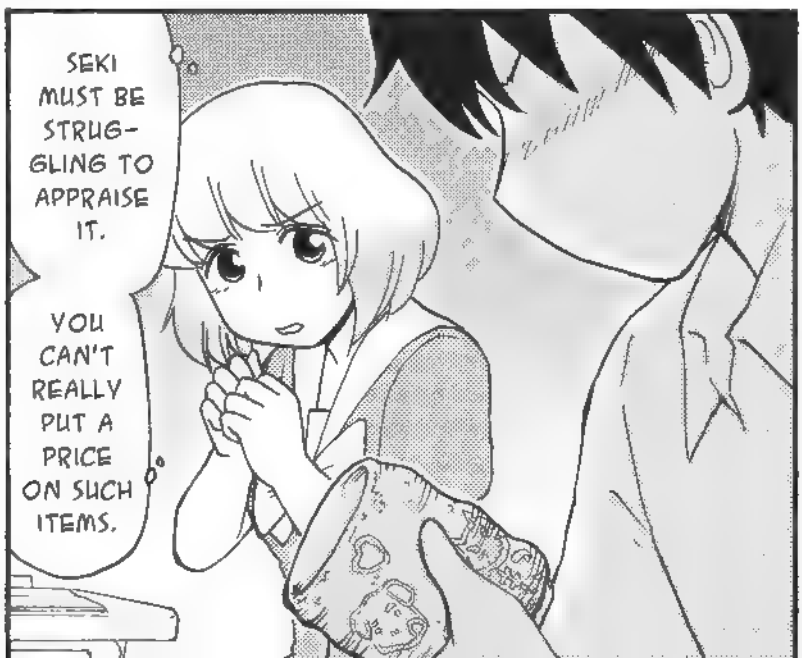
WHAT KIND OF TREA-SURE IS IT?!
TAK
OH? THERE'S ONE MORE ITEM!
THAT MUST BE HAND-MADE.
OH, HOW CUTE!
GOOD LUCK WITH WORK!
MAKO
AH!
HM? HE LOOKS PAINED.
...
IT BRINGS TO MIND IMAGES OF A WARM HOUSE-HOLD.
I BET A LITTLE GIRL GAVE IT TO HER BELOVED FATHER.


THERE MUST'VE BEEN SOME PAINFUL CIRCUM-STANCE FOR THEM TO PART WITH A SENTI-MENTAL ITEM...
I WONDER IF THEY FOUND IT AT A BAZAAR OR SOME-THING.


NORMALLY PEOPLE WOULDN'T SELL SUCH A PRECIOUS THING.
BUT HOW DID SOMETHING LIKE THAT END UP WITH A STRANGER?
GOOD LUCK WITH WORK! MAKO

MY MIND'S VEERING OFF IN A BAD DIRECTION!
ARGH, NO, NO!
STOP, STOP!

キュポッ
SPOP


SEKI MUST BE STRUG-GLING TO APPRAISE IT.
YOU CAN'T REALLY PUT A PRICE ON SUCH ITEMS.

TOSS
ROLL
-ROLL
ポイッ
ゴロゴロ
SEKI, YOU MONEY GRUB-BER!
YOU DON'T CARE IF IT WON'T MAKE YOU MONEY?!
HE WROTE THE PRICE DI-RECTLY ON IT!!
GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR WORK! MAKO
And just 1 yen?!
BOOM
ドド!!!

SKFF
スチャッ
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
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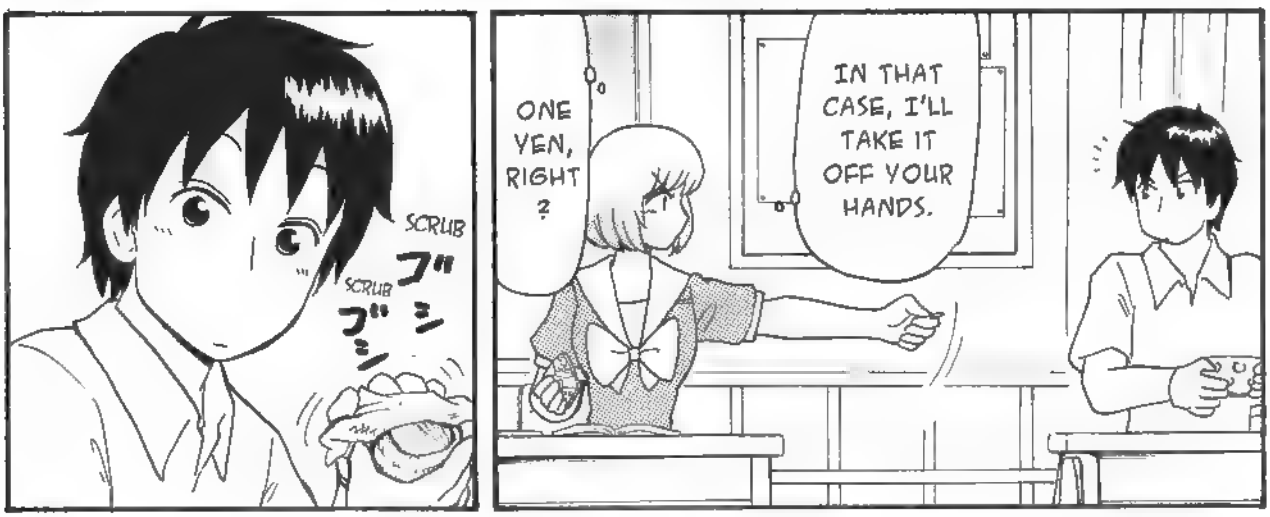
HE LOOKED GLUM 'CAUSE IT HAS NO CASH VALUE.


SCRUB
SCRUB
ゴシゴシ
ONE YEN, RIGHT?
IN THAT CASE, I'LL TAKE IT OFF YOUR HANDS.

WHA-
AA?!
GOOD LUCK WITH WORK!
¥700-
XO
ピロ〜〜
TA-DAA

I WANT THAT OTHER CUP AT THE SAME PRICE!
I DON'T WANT IT IF IT'S 700 YEN!
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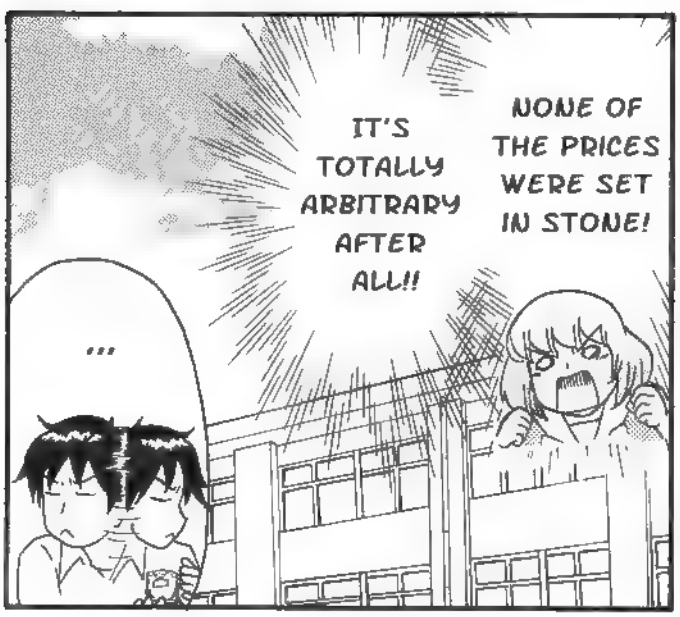
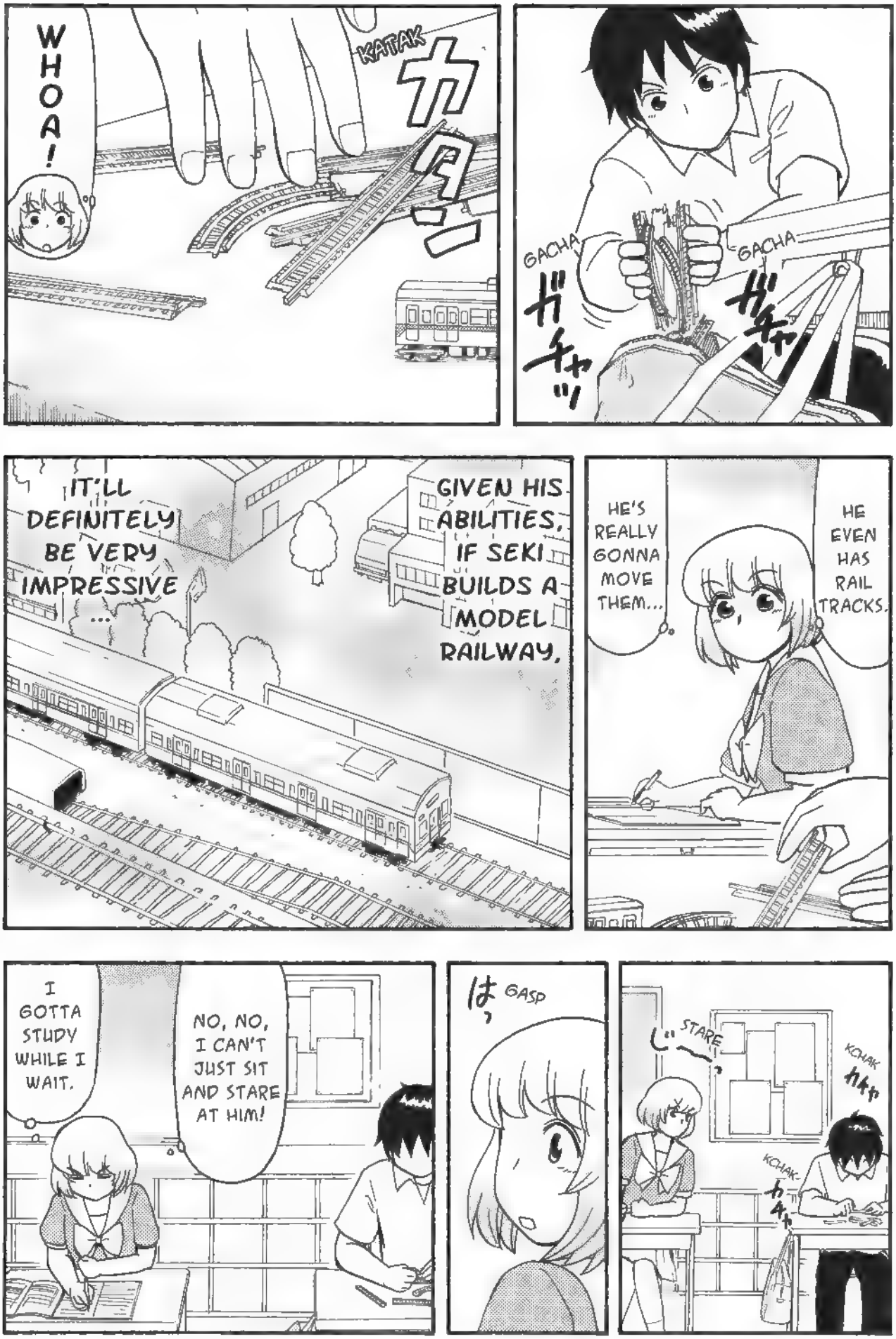
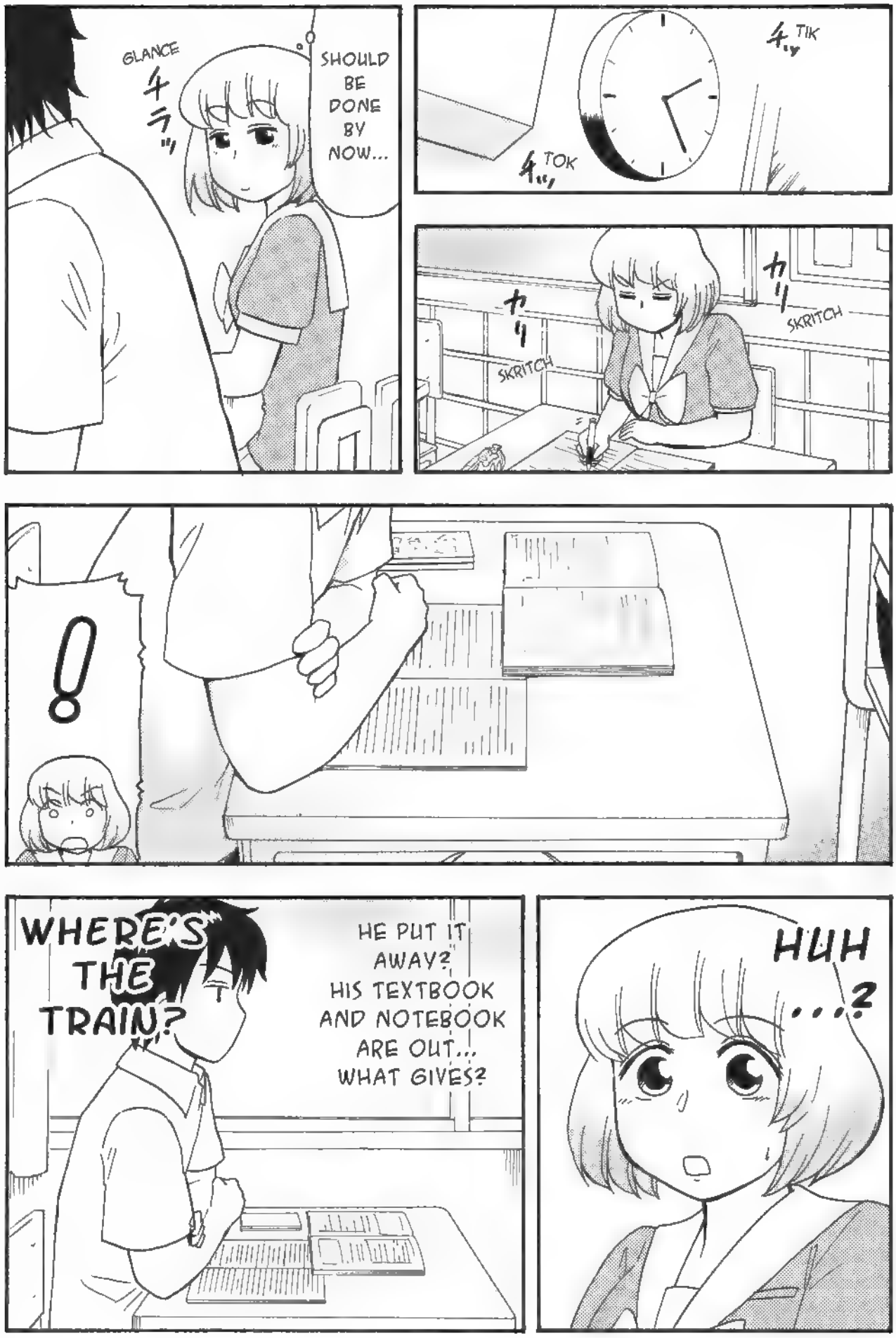
SHAKE SHAKE
MARKING IT UP IS UNFAIR! WHAT A RIP-OFF!
IT WAS 1 YEN JUST A MINUTE AGO!!

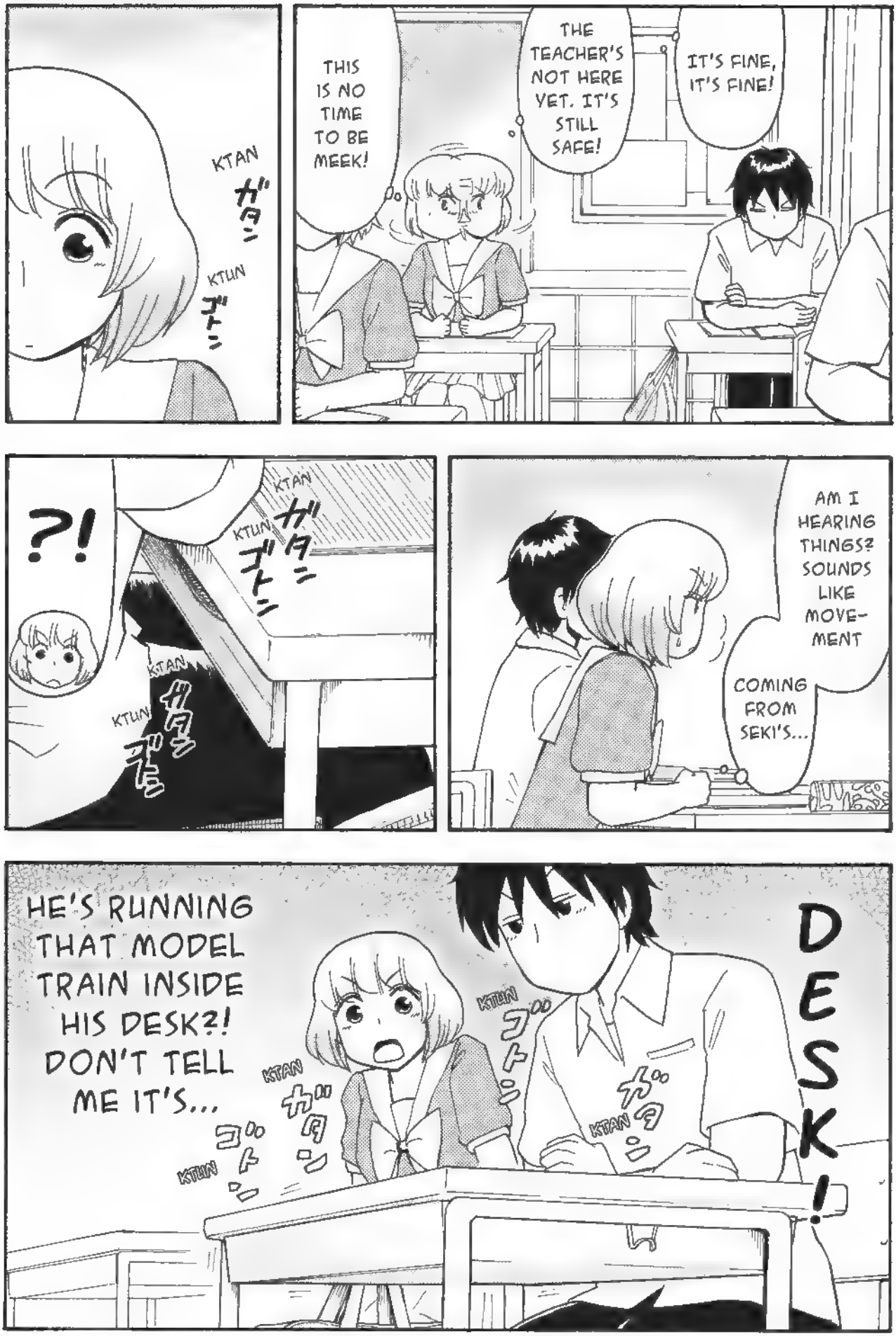

...
IT'S TOTALLY ARBITRARY AFTER ALL!!
NONE OF THE PRICES WERE SET IN STONE!

HEY!!
SHFF
¥8,000-

63rd Period
AH!
KTNK
カタン
RUSTLE
ゴソ
RUSTLE
ゴソ
THIS MAY BE THE FIRST ONE I'VE SEEN.
HM? BUT I FEEL LIKE MY BROTHER DIDN'T HAVE ANY.
THAT'S SUCH A TYPICAL TOY FOR BOYS.
IS TODAY'S GAME MODEL TRAINS ...?
A TRAIN ...

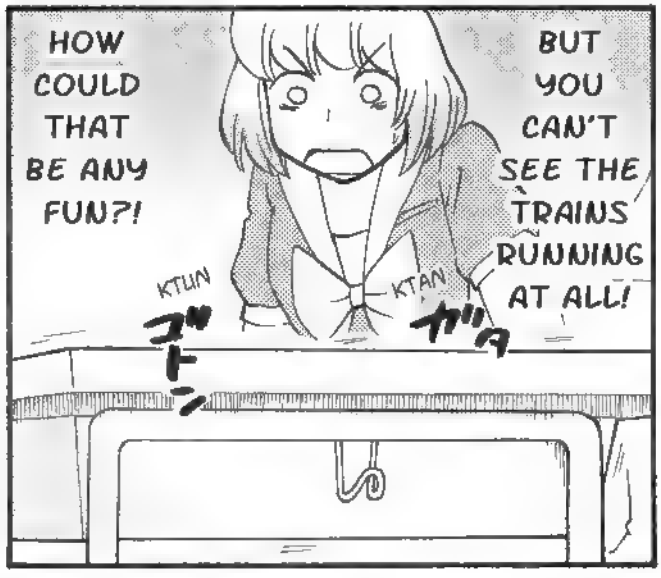

WHOA!
KATAK
カタン
GACHA
ガチャ
GACHA
ガチャ
IT'LL DEFINITELY BE VERY IMPRESSIVE ...
GIVEN HIS ABILITIES, IF SEKI BUILDS A MODEL RAILWAY,
HE'S REALLY GONNA MOVE THEM...
HE EVEN HAS RAIL TRACKS.
I GOTTA STUDY WHILE I WAIT.
NO, NO, I CAN'T JUST SIT AND STARE AT HIM!
は, GASP
STARE
KCHAK
カチャ
KCHAK
カチャ


GLANCE
SHOULD BE DONE BY NOW...
TIK
TOK
SKRITCH
SKRITCH
!
WHERE'S THE TRAIN?
HE PUT IT AWAY? HIS TEXTBOOK AND NOTEBOOK ARE OUT... WHAT GIVES?
HUH...?


KTAN
ガタン
KTUN
ゴトン
THIS IS NO TIME TO BE MEEK!
THE TEACHER'S NOT HERE YET. IT'S STILL SAFE!
IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE!
?!
KTAN
ガタン
KTUN
ゴトン
AM I HEARING THINGS? SOUNDS LIKE MOVEMENT
COMING FROM SEKI'S...
HE'S RUNNING THAT MODEL TRAIN INSIDE HIS DESK?! DON'T TELL ME IT'S...
DESK!

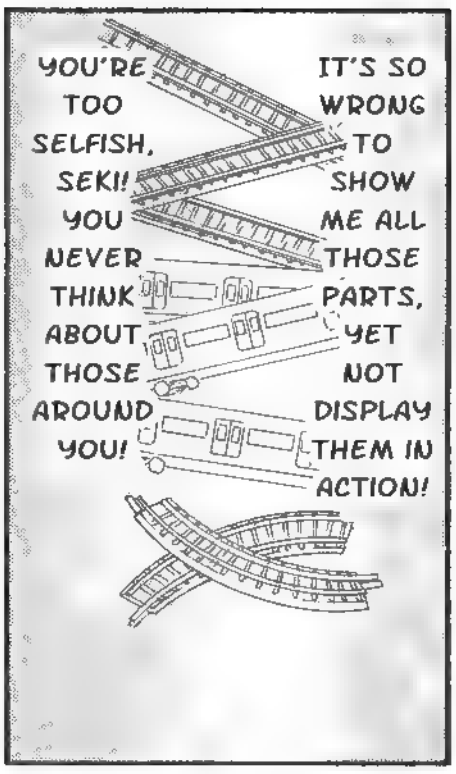
HE REPRODUCED A SUBWAY INSIDE HIS DESK?!
A SUB-WAY?!

HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S HAVING FUN?
AH!

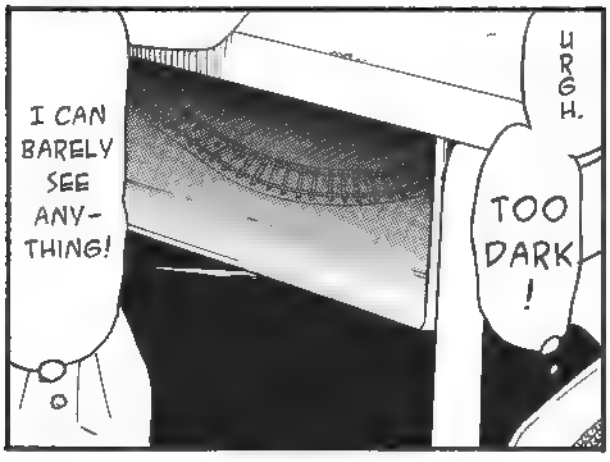

HOW COULD THAT BE ANY FUN?!
BUT YOU CAN'T SEE THE TRAINS RUNNING AT ALL!
KTUN
KTAN

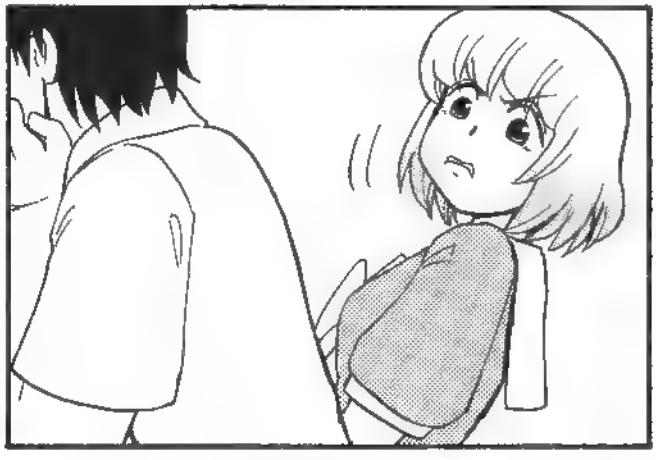
SIGH
I SEE... SEKI MUST REALLY BE A TRAIN GEEK, IF THAT'S ENOUGH FOR HIM.

KTAN
KTUN
LETS HIM PICTURE THE INVISIBLE TRAIN ...?
THE MUTED SOUNDS AND VIBRA-TIONS FROM THE DESK

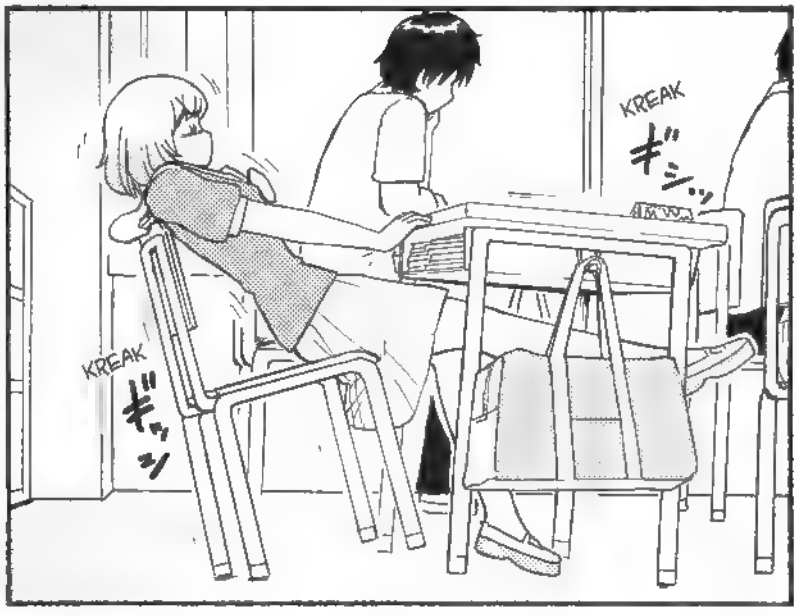

YOU'RE TOO SELFISH, SEKI! YOU NEVER THINK ABOUT THOSE AROUND YOU!
IT'S SO WRONG TO SHOW ME ALL THOSE PARTS, YET NOT DISPLAY THEM IN ACTION!

IF I CAN'T WATCH IT GO ROUND AND ROUND!
BUT IT'S NOT FUN FOR ME


I CAN BARELY SEE ANY-THING!
URGH.
TOO DARK!



WOW! IT'S GOT ITS LIGHTS ON...
HMM
KTAN
OH, IS THAT IT?!
KTAN


KREAK
KREAK

BULLY! ARE YOU DELIBERATELY BLOCKING MY VIEW SO I CAN'T SEE?!
WHY'D YOU COVER IT?! MEANIE !
AAAH!!
SHFF
IS IT SOME TRAIN PART?
HM? HE'S LOOKING INTENTLY AT SOME-THING...
STARE
HE'S PEERING INTO AN AIR VENT HE MADE?
A HOLE !!
!
KTAN KTUN
KTAN KTUN

SO HE'S HAPPILY WATCH-ING HIS CREATION AFTER ALL!!

HE'S WATCH-ING THE SUBWAY RUSH BY!!

I'M DISAP-POINTED IN SEKI...

SLUMP

I'M NOT TALKING TO HIM ANY MORE.

I STILL CAN'T SEE IT!

BUT WHY LOOK THROUGH A HOLE?

えっ HUH?

ALL OF YOU SITTING IN THE VERY BACK ROW, COME ON UP.

OF THE FIRST PROBLEM AT THE BLACK-BOARD.

TO WRAP UP, LET'S HAVE YOU SOLVE PARTS 1 TO 5

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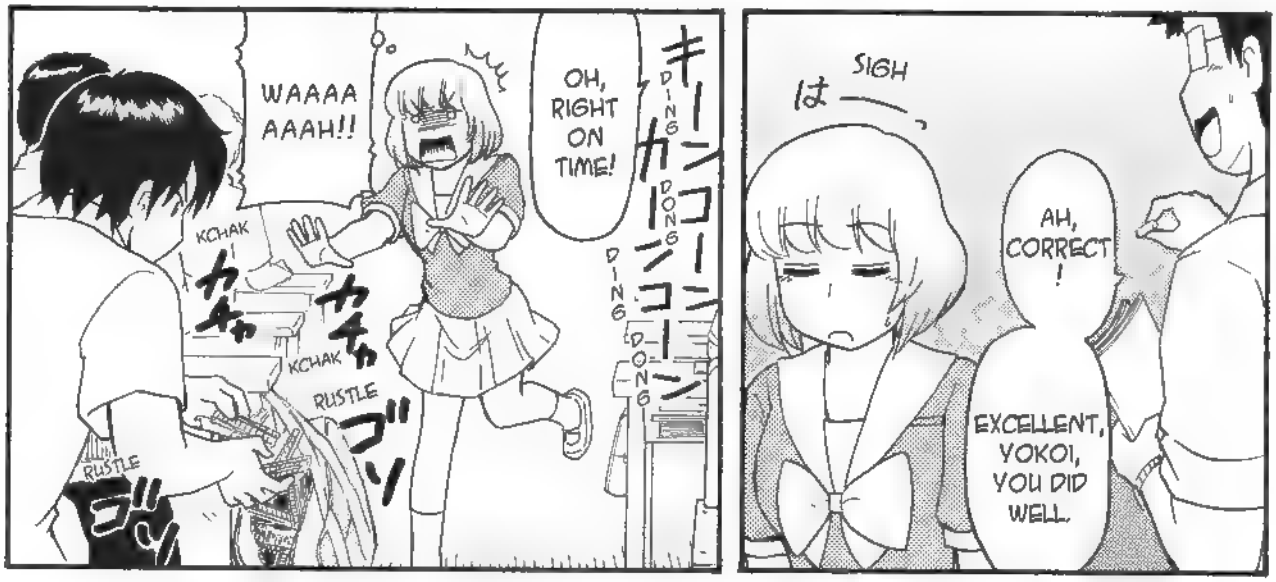
FOR THAT TO HAP-PEN...
KLATTER
I CAN WATCH THE TRAIN ALL I WANT!
I CAN LOOK INSIDE SEKI'S DESK IF HE'S GONE!
TRAIN!
TAK
TAK
TAK
TRAIN!
FASTER THAN SEKI!
I GOTTA SOLVE THE PROBLEM QUICKLY!
!
WHY DON'T YOU TACKLE THE 2ND PROBLEM AS WELL?
THAT WAS TOO EASY FOR YOU, EH, YOKO!
YES!
COR-RECT. WELL DONE.

GLARE
ギロッ
FLINCH
ビクッ
OH, UH, IT'S OKAY IF YOU CAN'T SOLVE IT.
URGH!


SIGH
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AH, CORRECT!
EXCELLENT, YOKOI, YOU DID WELL.
OH, RIGHT ON TIME!
キーンコーンカーンコーン
DING DONG DING DONG
WAAAAAAAH!!
KCHAK
カチャ
KCHAK
カチャ
RUSTLE
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RUSTLE
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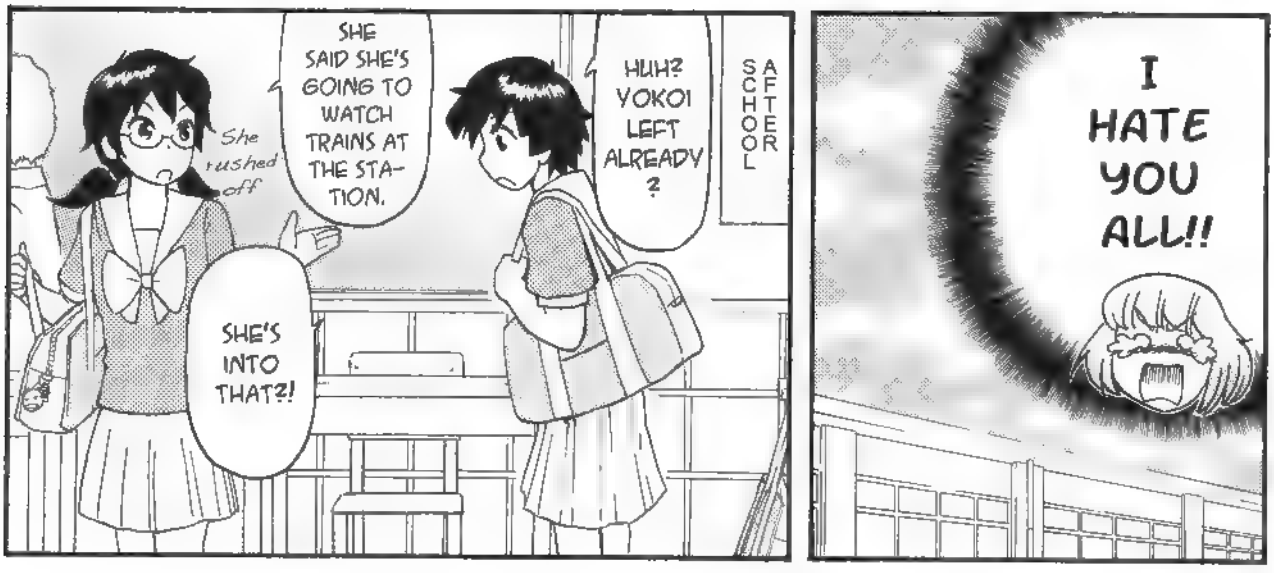
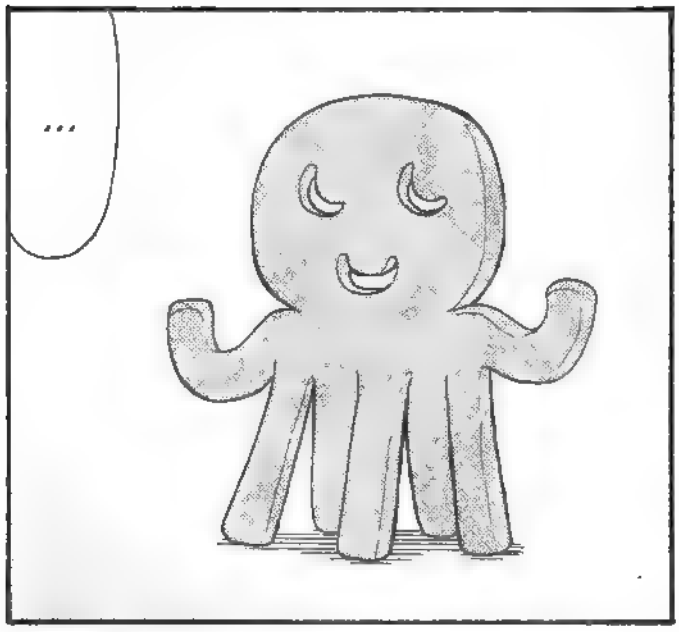

I HATE YOU ALL!!
AFTER SCHOOL
HUH? YOKOI LEFT ALREADY?
SHE SAID SHE'S GOING TO WATCH TRAINS AT THE STATION.
She rushed off
SHE'S INTO THAT?!

64th Period
KNEAD
KNEAD
SKRITCH
SKRITCH
HUH?
HE'S CRAFTING SOME SORT OF CHARACTER.
CLAY?
ANOTHER GRADE SCHOOL TOY...
Colored

トーン
TMP
UH, ISN'T THAT...
I BET SEKI CAN 100% ACCURATELY RECREATE ANY OF THEM.
WHICH ONE?
AH, HE'S DONE?
ふぅっ
WHEW
SORRY, BUT THAT'S NOT VERY INTERESTING.
IT LOOKS LIKE A LEEK. IS IT AN ORIGINAL?
I HAVE NO IDEA WHO THAT IS.
I DUNNO!
ぐにぐに
KNEAD KNEAD
ぷちっ
SNAP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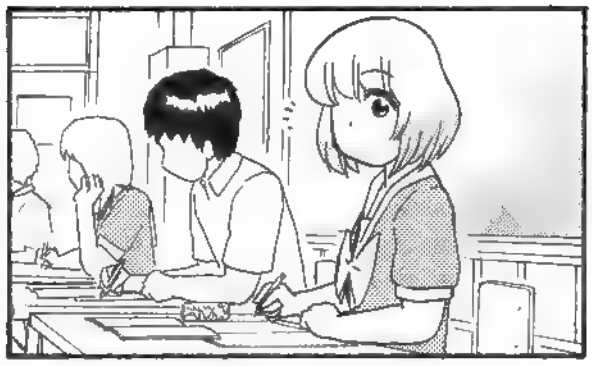
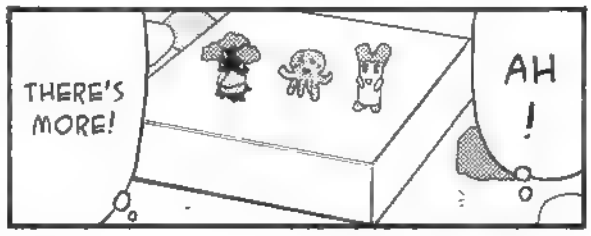



THERE'S MORE!
AH!

OOH!
GLARE

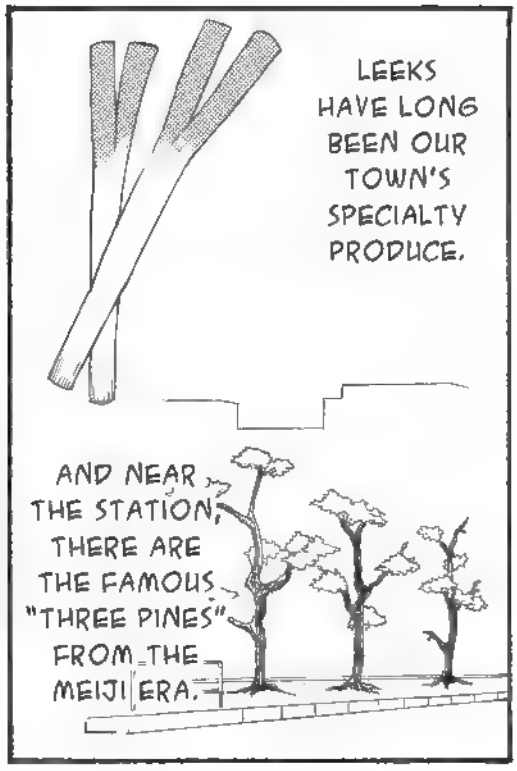
AND THE OTHER...
STILL NONE THAT I KNOW.

IS IT A TREE? SOME SORT OF PINE? IT HAS A CUTENESS FACTOR OF ZERO.
WHAT'S WITH THAT SINISTER MONSTER? SCARY!

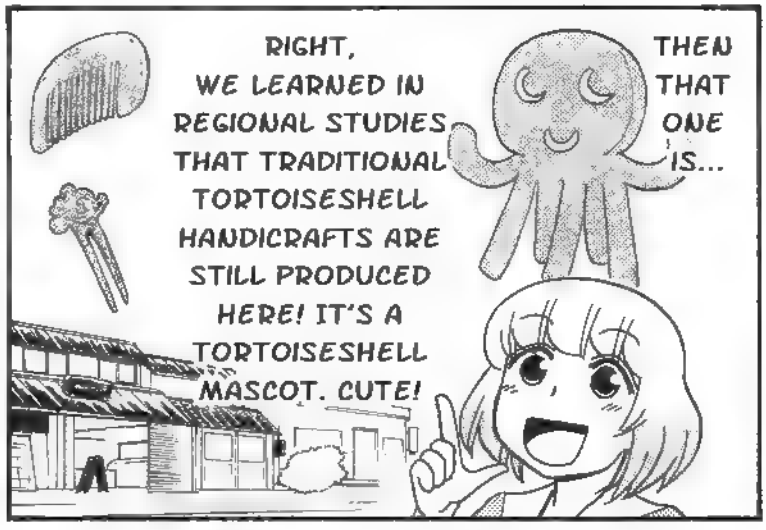
ZUMMM

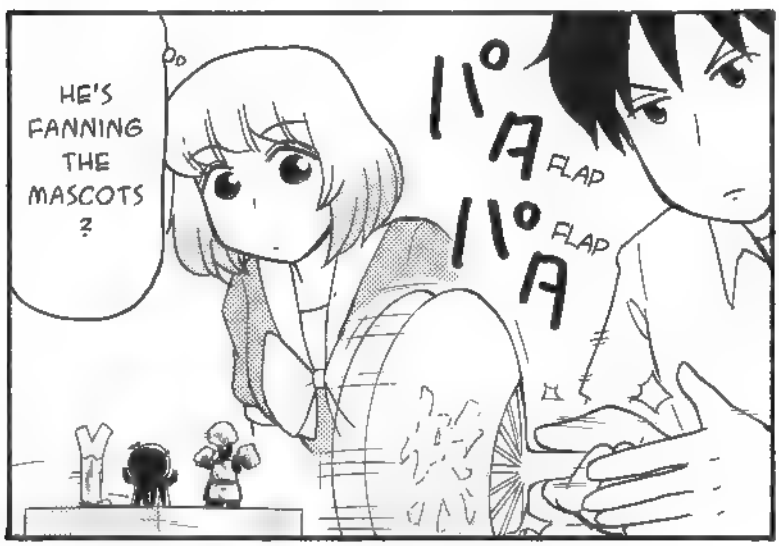
LEEK...
AND PINE?
HM?

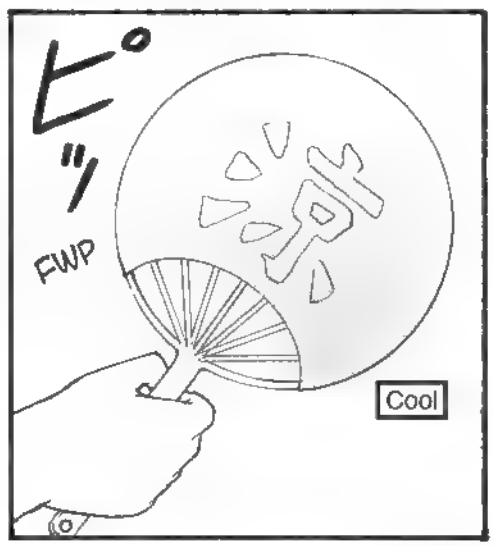
SEKI'S CREATING NEW CHAR-ACTERS FOR OUR TOWN!
I SEE! THESE ARE LOCAL MASCOTS, A CUR-RENT TREND!


LEEKS HAVE LONG BEEN OUR TOWN'S SPECIALTY PRODUCE.
AND NEAR THE STATION, THERE ARE THE FAMOUS "THREE PINES" FROM THE MEIJI ERA.

I DIDN'T KNOW HE HAD SUCH LOVE FOR HIS HOME-TOWN.
I SEE. WELL DONE, WELL DONE!
HEH
HEH
HEH


RIGHT, WE LEARNED IN REGIONAL STUDIES THAT TRADITIONAL TORTOISESHELL HANDICRAFTS ARE STILL PRODUCED HERE! IT'S A TORTOISESHELL MASCOT. CUTE!
THEN THAT ONE IS...


HE'S FANNING THE MASCOTS ?
パタ FLAP
パタ FLAP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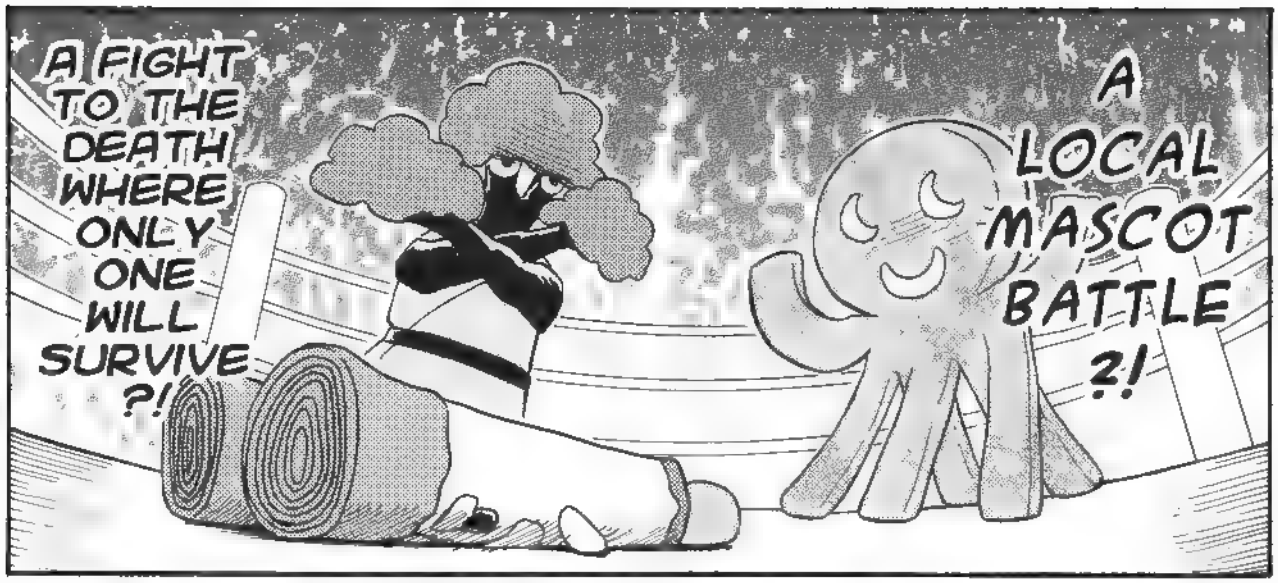
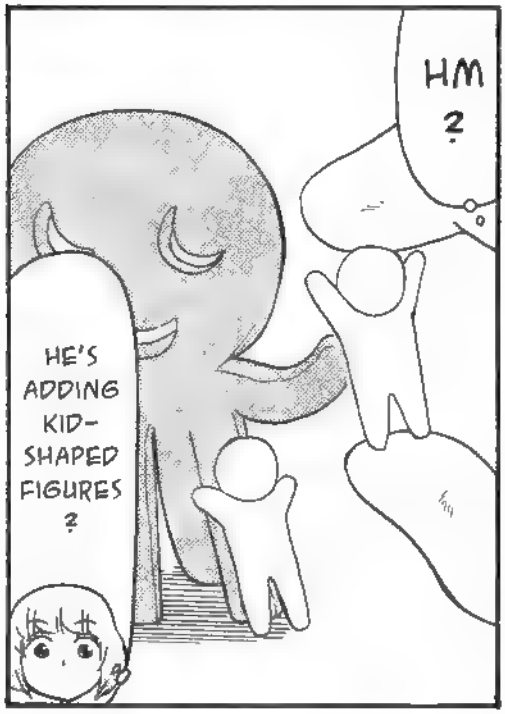
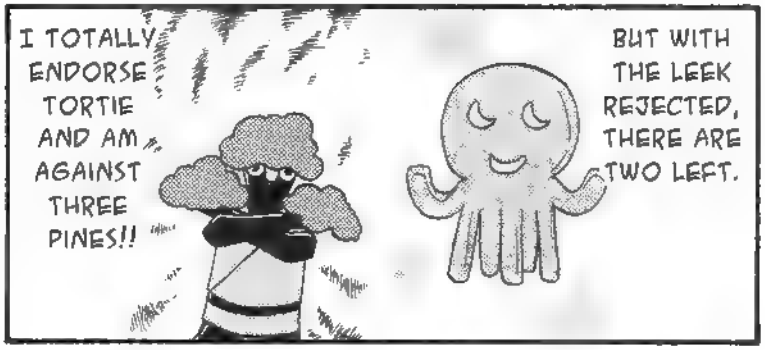
Cool

KLUNK
AH!
TEETER
LEAVE IT TO SEKI TO THINK AHEAD...
SO MASTER
HE REALLY WANTS TO TURN THEM INTO COSTUMES!
THEY NEED TO BE DESIGNED TO WITHSTAND STRONG WINDS FOR SAFETY.
OH RIGHT, PEOPLE IN MASCOT COSTUMES OFTEN DO PROMOTION WORK OUTDOORS.
"REJECTS?!" THEY'RE NOT ALL GONNA BE MASCOTS TOGETHER?!
HE'S NARROWING THEM DOWN?
Rejects
TOSS
HUNH?!
Rejects
Reject


A FIGHT TO THE DEATH WHERE ONLY ONE WILL SURVIVE?!
A LOCAL MASCOT BATTLE?!


HM?
HE'S ADDING KID-SHAPED FIGURES?

NO ONE WILL MIND MULTIPLE MASCOTS.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE IT SO CUTTHROAT.


I TOTALLY ENDORSE TORTIE AND AM AGAINST THREE PINES!!
BUT WITH THE LEEK REJECTED, THERE ARE TWO LEFT.

WOW!
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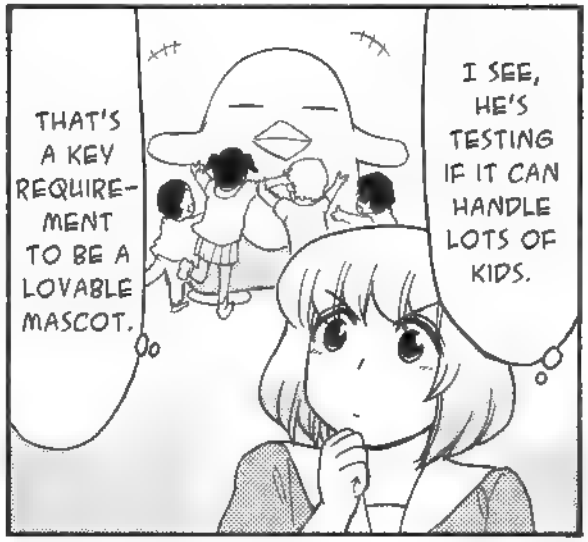
CHILL


THAT'S A KEY REQUIREMENT TO BE A LOVABLE MASCOT.
I SEE, HE'S TESTING IF IT CAN HANDLE LOTS OF KIDS.

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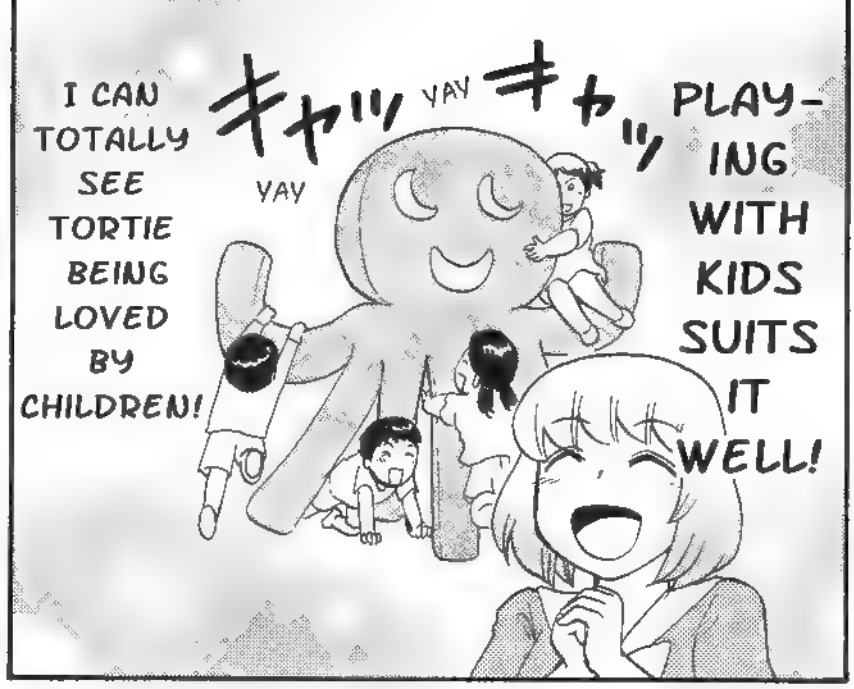
HOIST


I CAN TOTALLY SEE TORTIE BEING LOVED BY CHILDREN!
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YAY
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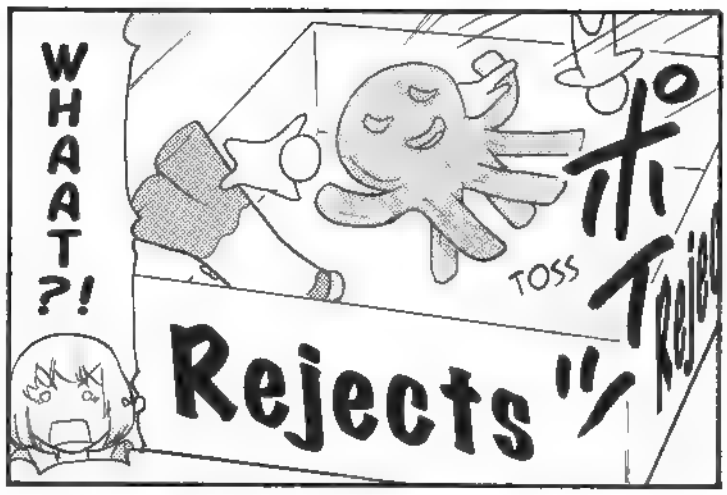
YAY
PLAY-ING WITH KIDS SUITS IT WELL!

HM ?
WAIT, WHY?! IT HASN'T LOST YET...


WHAAT?!
TOSS
ポイ
Rejects

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HO
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HO
BUT IT JUST LOOKS LIKE A PHAN-TOM KIDNAP-PER TO ME!
S-SURE, IT'S CAR-RYING MORE KIDS...

EEE EEP !!
GLOMPP
カッ
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シャキーン
TA-DAA
Official Selection
Official Selection
PEEL
ピラッ
HM ?
OUR TOWN MAS-COT...
THAT EVIL THREE PINES IS OUR TOWN MASCOT ?!
NO WAY!! I REFUSE TO AC-KNOW-LEDGE IT!!
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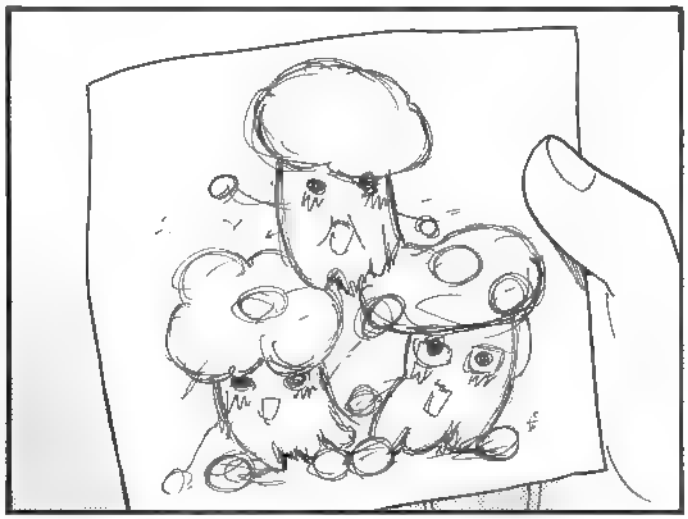
WAAAAH
あ
I KNOW !
SKRITCH
SKRITCH
ばっ
SHOVE

むっ HRM.
MATH TEST
Kumi Yokoi

WELL? PINE MASCOTS THAT I CAME UP WITH.
THEY'RE THE "FRIENDLY PINE BROTHERS."



KNEAD
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SNAP
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KNEAD
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IF YOU'RE GONNA HAVE A COMPETITION, LET MINE PARTICIPATE, TOO!
ALL RESIDENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO SUBMIT MASCOT IDEAS!

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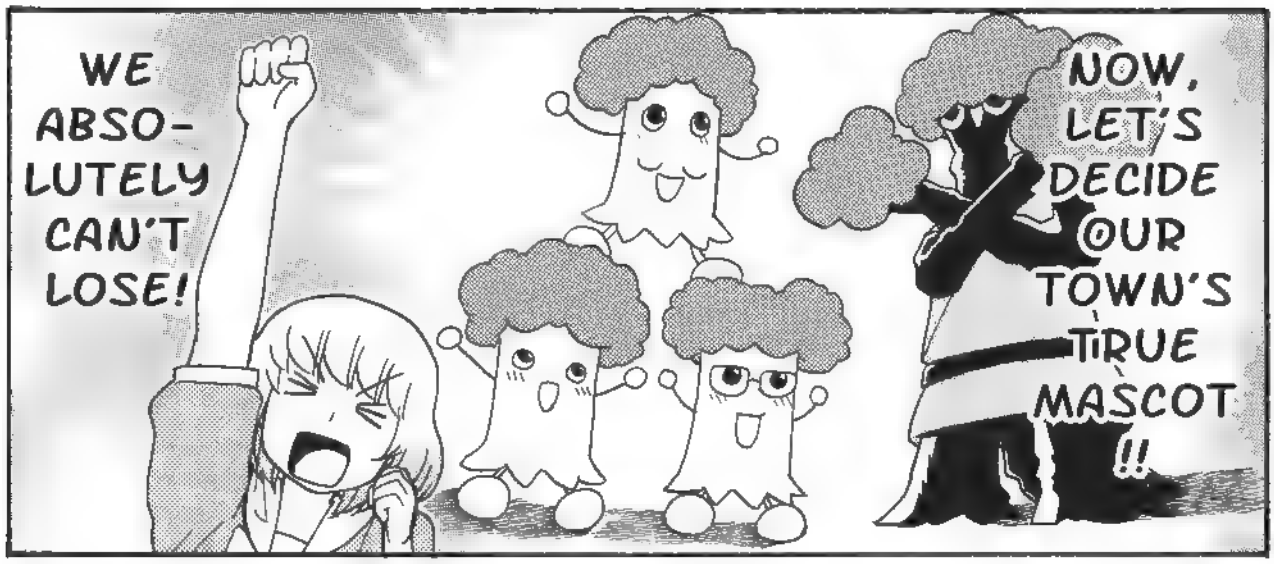
SIGH


WE ABSO-LUTELY CAN'T LOSE!
NOW, LET'S DECIDE OUR TOWN'S TRUE MASCOT!!

HEY, YOU DON'T NEED TO CHANGE THEM!
what is that?
WHISPER
SEKI, YOU GOT THEM WRONG.
WHISPER
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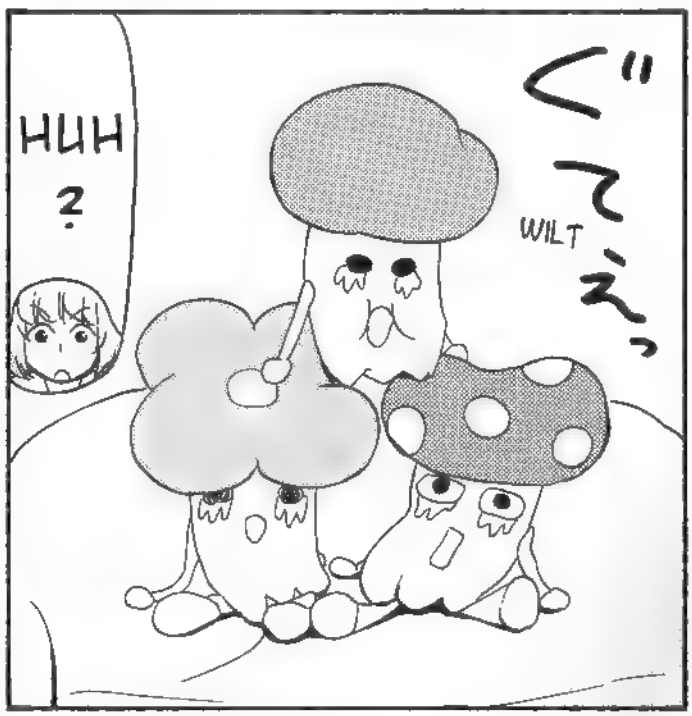
HUH?
WILT

WHISPER
WHISPER
JUST COPY THIS, OKAY?
That's weird
MAKE THEM EXACTLY LIKE MY DRAWING!
...

SPLACH

My Neighbor Seki

TODAY, WE ARE DISCUSSING OUR FREE TIME SCHEDULES BY GROUP.
IT'S ALMOST FIELD TRIP TIME.
Field Trip Guidebook
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BLAB
ガヤ
BLAB
65th Period
COULD YOU PLEASE JOIN THE DISCUSSION?
C'MON BOYS, ARE YOU LISTENING?
HM?
FLUTTER
ピラッ
OOH, I DEFINITELY WANNA GO HERE.
FORGET IT, LET'S JUST CHOOSE ON OUR OWN.
ワイ
CHATTER
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CHATTER

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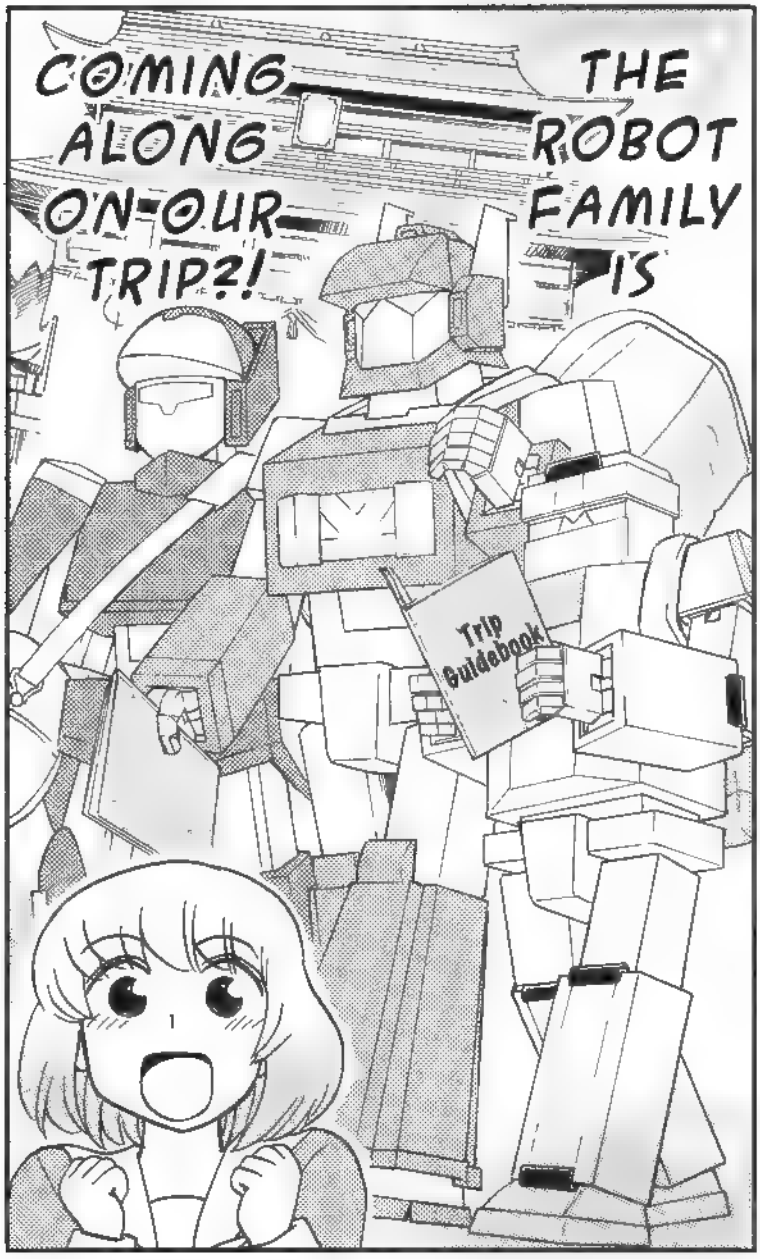
LITTLE THINGS FELL OUT OF SEKI'S GUIDE ...


COMING ALONG ON-OUR TRIP?!
THE ROBOT FAMILY IS
Trip Guidebook

GASP
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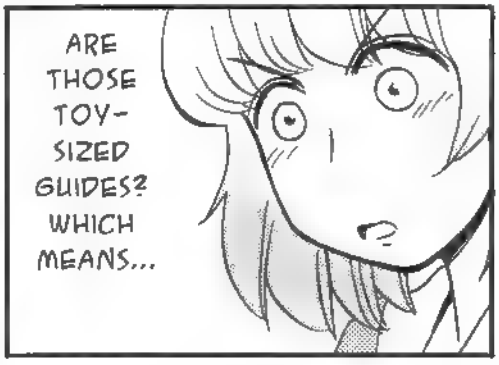
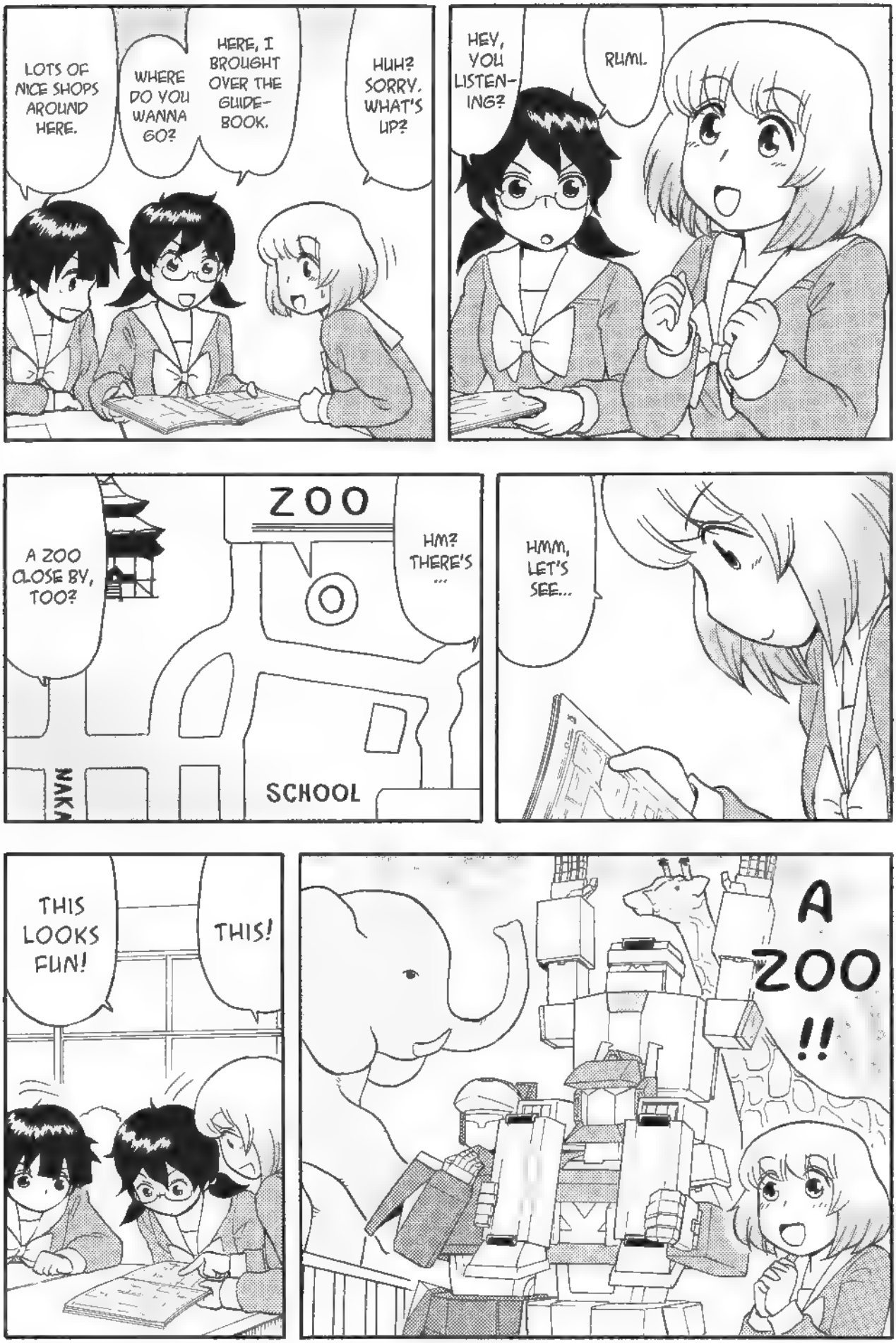
SKFF


ARE THOSE TOY-SIZED GUIDES? WHICH MEANS...


LOTS OF NICE SHOPS AROUND HERE.
WHERE DO YOU WANNA GO?
HERE, I BROUGHT OVER THE GUIDE-BOOK.
HUH? SORRY. WHAT'S UP?
HEY, YOU LISTEN-ING?
RUMI.
A ZOO CLOSE BY, TOO?
ZOO
HM? THERE'S ...
SCHOOL
HMM, LET'S SEE...
THIS LOOKS FUN!
THIS!
A ZOO !!

LET'S GO TO A TRENDIER PLACE!
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YOU CAN GO TO A ZOO ANY-WHERE.
UHH
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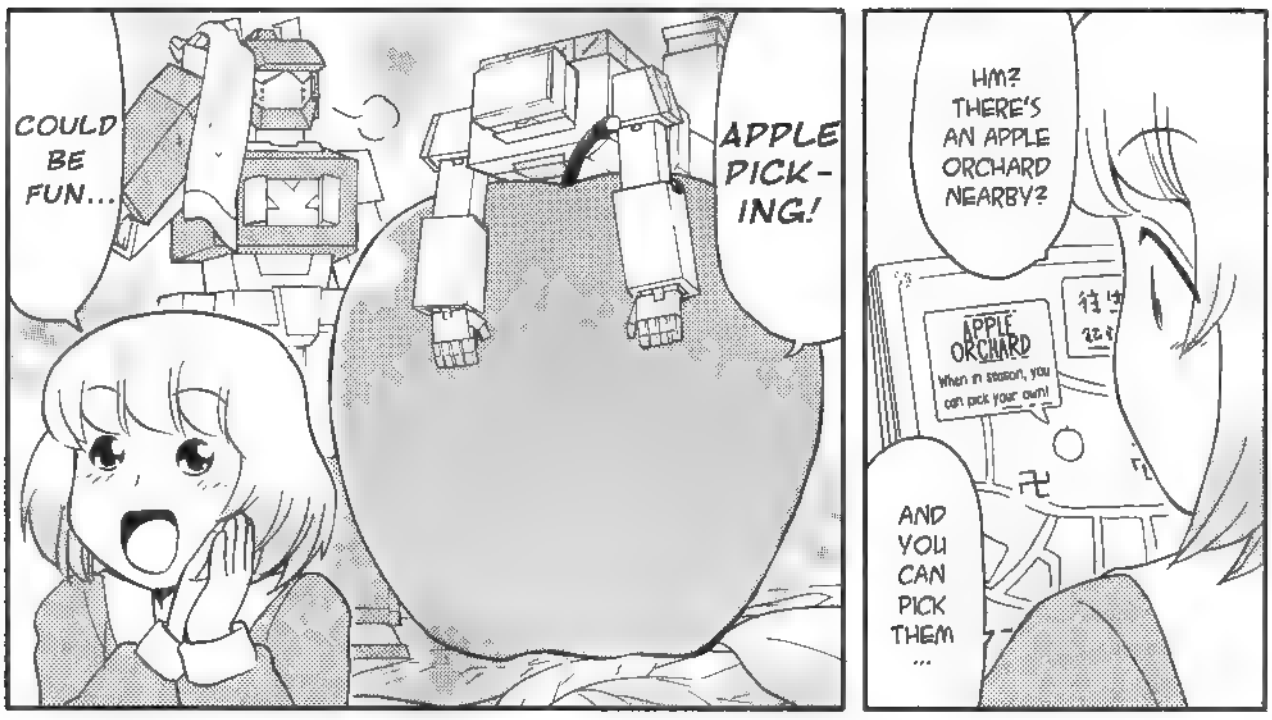
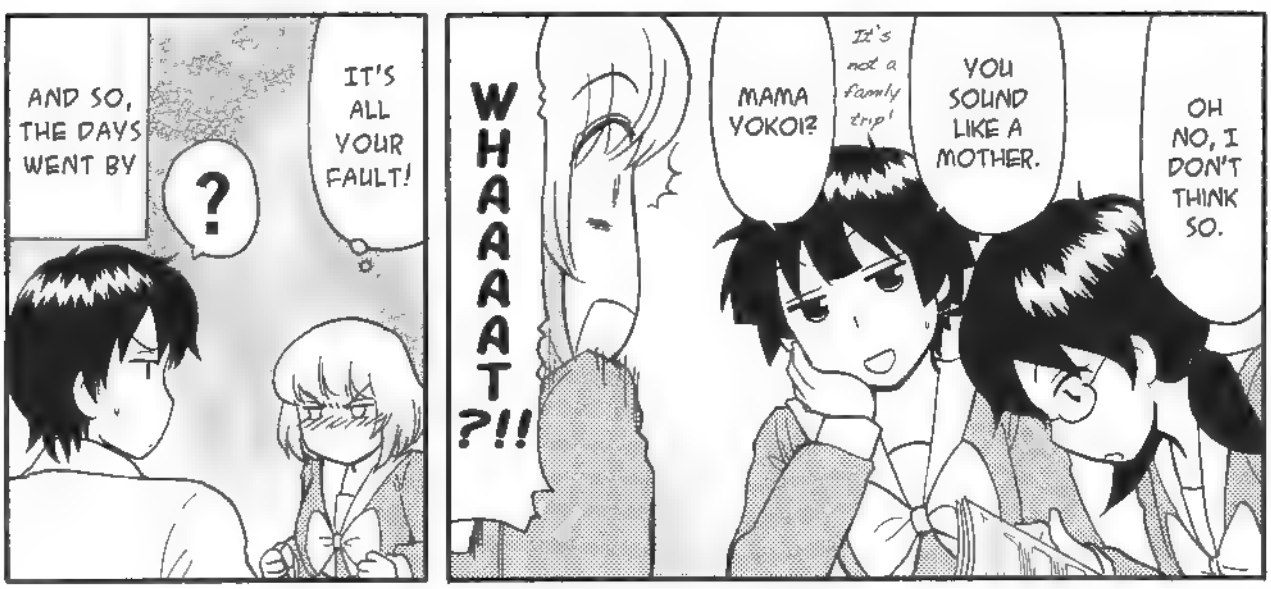
RURUMU
Shinshu
HUH?!
SO UNCOOL.
NO WAY!

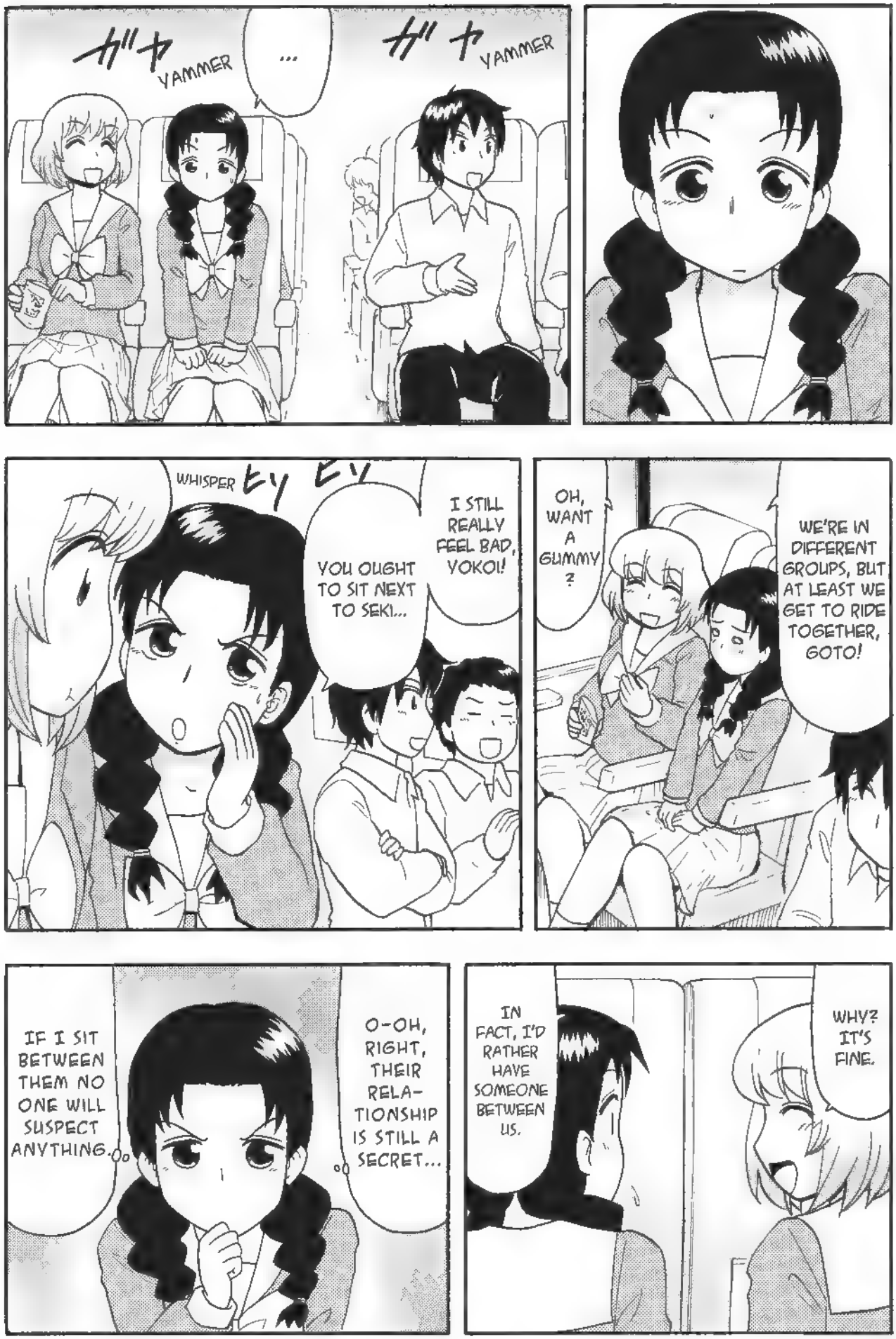

COULD BE FUN...
APPLE PICK-ING!
HM? THERE'S AN APPLE ORCHARD NEARBY?
APPLE ORCHARD
When in season, you can pick your own!
AND YOU CAN PICK THEM ...


AND SO, THE DAYS WENT BY
?
IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!
WHAAAT?!!
MAMA YOKO!?
It's not a family trip!
YOU SOUND LIKE A MOTHER.
OH NO, I DON'T THINK SO.

UNTIL FINALLY, IT WAS THE FIRST DAY OF THEIR TRIP.

BLUB
HLUB

VROOOM


YAMMER
...
YAMMER
WHISPER
I STILL REALLY FEEL BAD, YOKO!
YOU OUGHT TO SIT NEXT TO SEKI...
OH, WANT A GUMMY?
WE'RE IN DIFFERENT GROUPS, BUT AT LEAST WE GET TO RIDE TOGETHER, GOTO!
IF I SIT BETWEEN THEM NO ONE WILL SUSPECT ANYTHING.
O-OH, RIGHT, THEIR RELA-TIONSHIP IS STILL A SECRET...
IN FACT, I'D RATHER HAVE SOMEONE BETWEEN US.
WHY? IT'S FINE.

GOT IT! I'LL HARDEN MY HEART AND BE A DIVIDING WALL BETWEEN YOU TWO!
?
AND WITH SO MANY EYES ON THE BUS, THEY'D RISK BEING FOUND OUT!
IF THE LOVING COUPLE SAT SIDE BY SIDE, THEY'D END UP ALL LOVEY-DOVEY!
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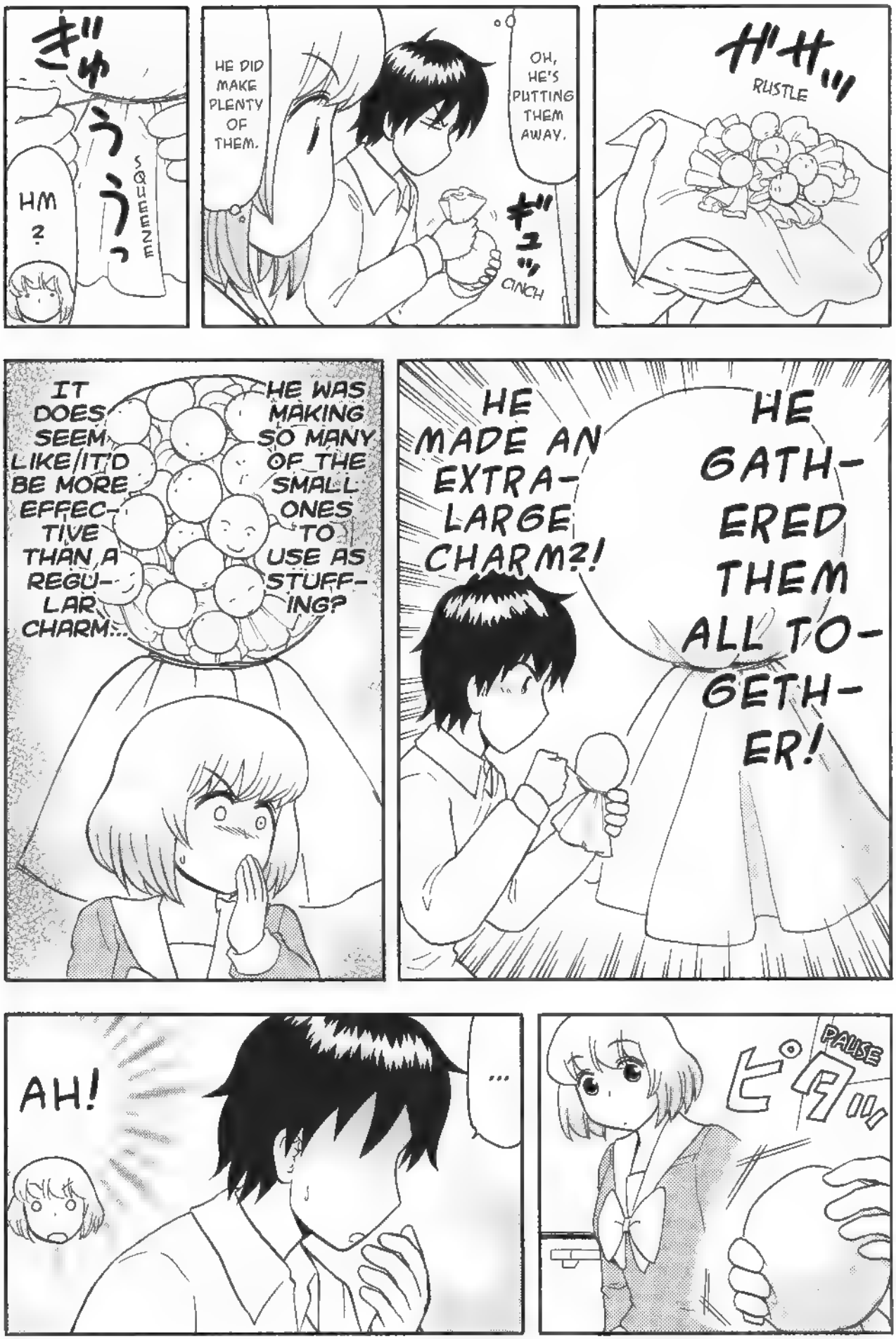
VROOOM
ワイワイ
CHATTER
MORE AND MORE NODDED OFF, PERHAPS SLEEP DEPRIVED FROM ANTICIPATION...
IT QUIETED DOWN AFTER 2 HOURS, AS IF THEY HAD WORN THEMSELVES OUT.
AH, GOTO'S FALLEN ASLEEP, TOO.
ZZZ
ZZZ

THE ROBOT FAMILY ?!
OH, BUT MAYBE IT'S...
CAN'T YOU SIMPLY ENJOY A SCHOOL TRIP?
SEKI'S PLAYING AROUND ?!
WHAA ?!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
SO IT WON'T RAIN DURING OUR TRIP ?
HE'S MAKING A GOOD-WEATHER CHARM ?
AH !
TMBL
HUH? HE'S MADE QUITE A FEW...
HE STAYED UP TO MAKE THEM THIS WHOLE TIME?
どさっ
ZHFF
HE MUST REALLY BE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE TRIP.
HA HA HA
A slight let-down
I APPRE-CIATE THAT, BUT...
TO STILL BELIEVE IN SUCH A CHARM IS CHILDISH, YET THAT SUITS HIM...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SQUEEZE
HM?
HE DID MAKE PLENTY OF THEM.
OH, HE'S PUTTING THEM AWAY.
ギュッ
CINCH
ガサッ
RUSTLE
IT DOES SEEM LIKE IT'D BE MORE EFFECTIVE THAN A REGULAR CHARM...
HE WAS MAKING SO MANY OF THE SMALL ONES TO USE AS STUFFING?
HE MADE AN EXTRA-LARGE CHARM?!
HE GATHERED THEM ALL TOGETHER!
AH!
...
PAUSE
ピタッ

OF COURSE YOU GOT CAR SICK, GEEZ...
IT'S 'CAUSE YOU'RE DOING DETAILED WORK IN A MOVING BUS.
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

SEKI GOT CAR SICK?!
TREMBLE
HE'S ILL?!
TREMBLE

...

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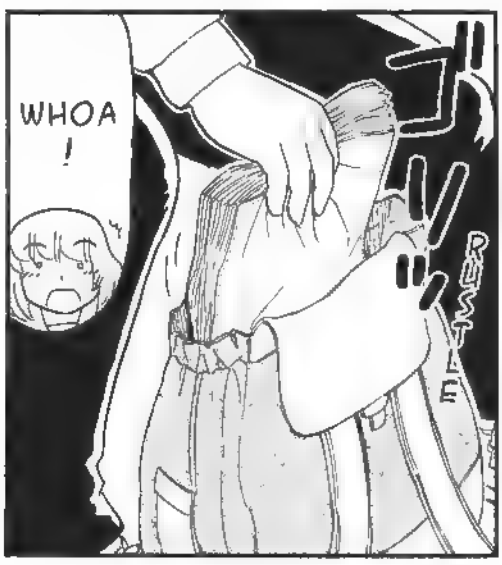
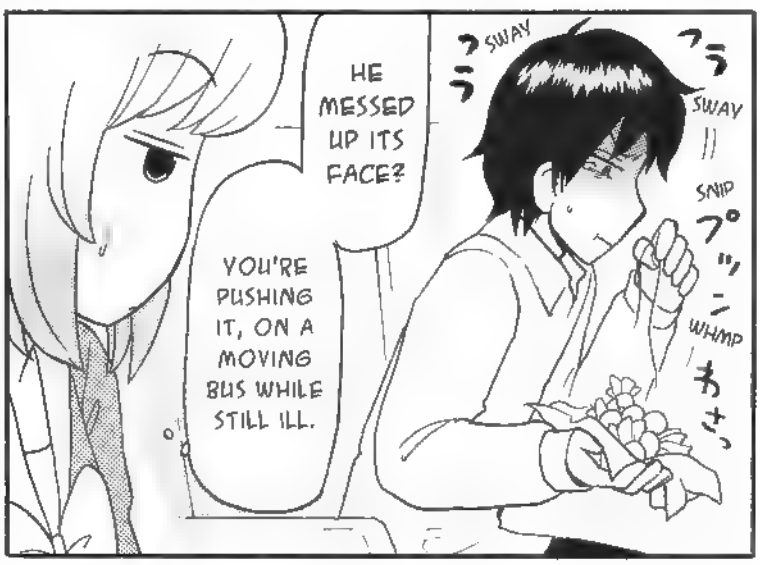
SLIP


WHOA!
RUSTLE


HE MESSED UP ITS FACE?
YOU'RE PUSHING IT, ON A MOVING BUS WHILE STILL ILL.
SWAY
SWAY
SNIP
WHMP

THAT'S TOTALLY UNNEC-ESSARY FOR A FIELD TRIP!
せっ TUG
HE HAS THAT MUCH EXTRA MATERIAL ?!
せっ TUG
せっ TUG
THEN AGAIN, SEKI READILY BELIEVES IN THE OCCULT, SO MAYBE THAT'S NOT TOO FAR OFF THE MARK.
HE'S LIKE AN ARTIST CARVING A STATUE OF BUDDHA WITH ALL HIS SOUL.
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
IT'S JUST A WEATHER DOLL'S FACE.
HE'S BEING SO FUSSY.
SHAKE
SHAKE
FWAP
IS HE DONE ...?
HUH ?
SEKI'S RUN OUT OF STEAM ?!
OH !
SLUMP

I CAN SENSE THE SOUL THAT SEKI PUT INTO IT!
Good job!
I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A DIGNIFIED WEATHER DOLL BEFORE!

HOW
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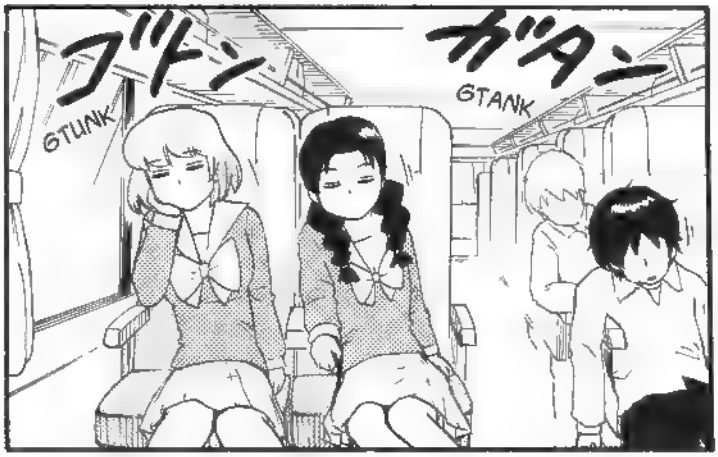
DIVINE
!!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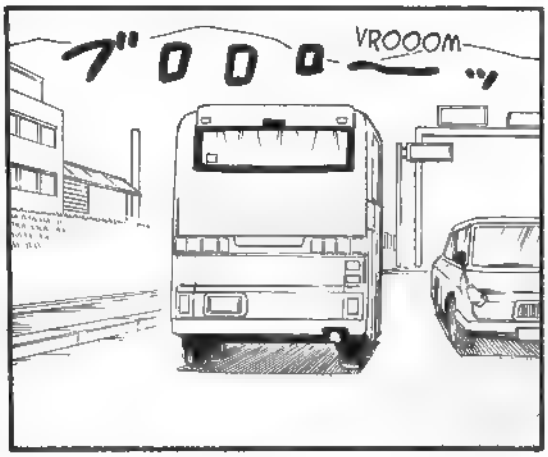
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VROOOM

SWOP
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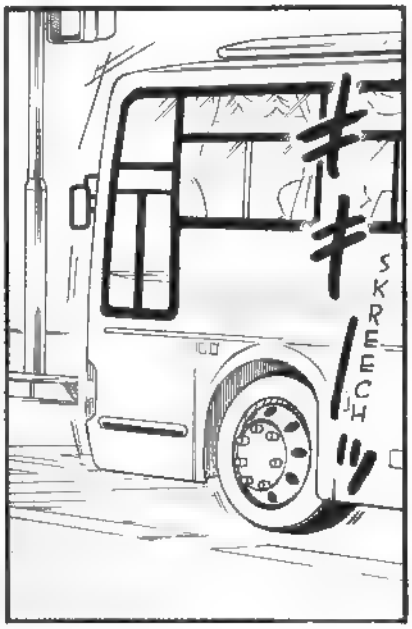
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SWING
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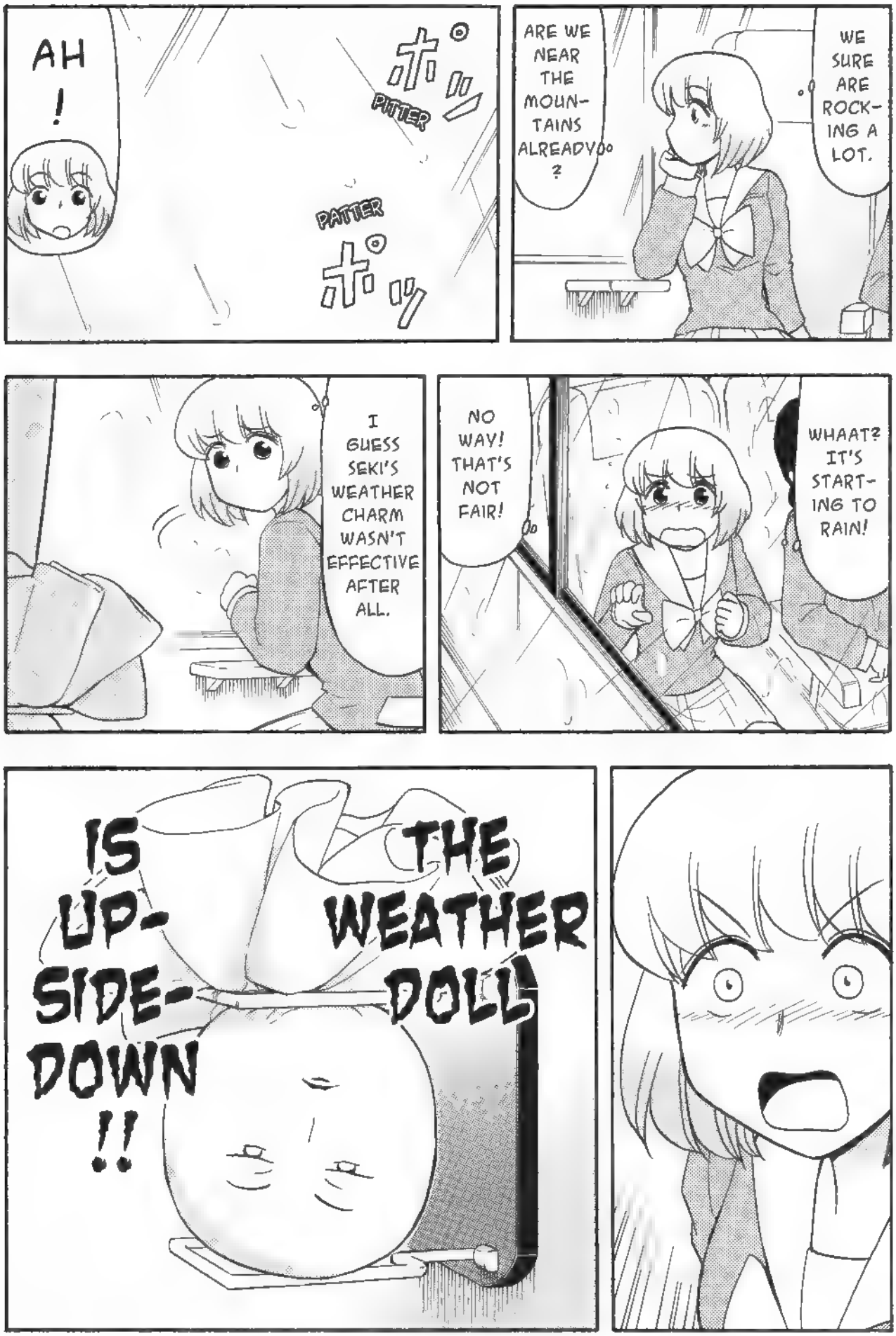
SWING


AH!
ポツ
PITTER
PATTER
ポツ
ARE WE NEAR THE MOUNTAINS ALREADY?
WE SURE ARE ROCKING A LOT.
I GUESS SEKI'S WEATHER CHARM WASN'T EFFECTIVE AFTER ALL.
NO WAY! THAT'S NOT FAIR!
WHAAT? IT'S STARTING TO RAIN!
IS THE WEATHER DOLL UP-SIDE-DOWN!!

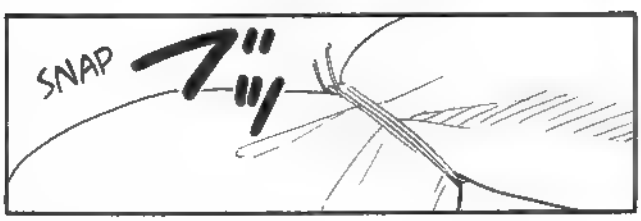
DON'T TELL ME THIS RAIN IS REALLY BECAUSE THAT DOLL IS UPSIDE-DOWN?
NO, IT COULDN'T HAVE SUCH AN OBVIOUS EFFECT...
MAKING THEM CHARMS FOR RAIN INSTEAD OF SUN-SHINE, RIGHT?
GOOD-WEATHER CHARMS UPSIDE-DOWN, IT REVERSES THEIR EFFECT
WHEN YOU TURN
NO, NO, EVERY-ONE'LL BE SO SAD!!
IF I LEAVE IT BE, WILL DOWN-POURS RUIN TODAY'S TOURS?
AND IT'S STUFFED WITH OTHER DOLLS, SO ITS NEGATIVE IMPACT COULD BE ESPE-CIALLY HUGE!
BUT THAT DOLL IS A SPECIAL ONE THAT SEKI WORKED HALF TO DEATH TO CREATE.
URGH ...
ZZZ...
IT'S UPSIDE-DOWN!
WHISPER WHISPER
SEKI!
FIX IT!

GOTO'S STILL FAST ASLEEP.
I GOTTA BE QUIET SO I DON'T WAKE HER.
I'LL FIX IT, THEN.
FINE.
KREAK
I GOTTA SAVE EVERY-ONE'S FUN FIELD TRIP!
REACH
KATAK
HMM...
IT'S STUCK...
HUH?
OKAY.

THEY'RE BEING LOVEY-DOVEY AFTER ALL?!
I SNOOZE FOR A SEC, AND THIS HAPPENS ?!
チラッ
GLANCE
BUT I THOUGHT YOKOI SAID SHE'D BE PATIENT WHILE ON THE BUS!
SURE, EVERYONE'S SLEEPING RIGHT NOW, SO THEY MIGHT NOT GET CAUGHT...
I SEE!
AH! はっ
SO THEY'RE NOT MAKING OUT? THEN WHAT'S YOKOI DOING...
SEKI'S ASLEEP ?!
ZZZ...

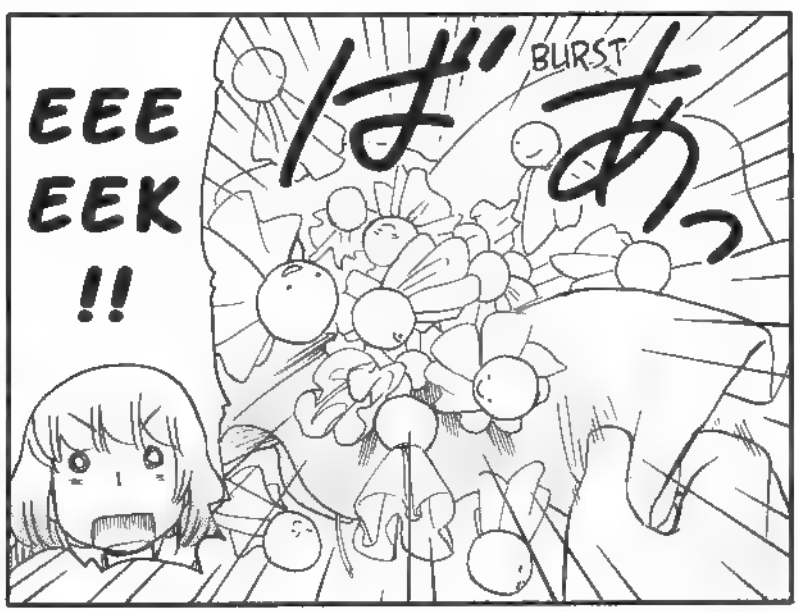
SHE'S GAZING AT HER BOY-FRIEND'S TOTALLY CUUUTE FACE, RIGHT?!
HIS SLEEP-ING FACE!

TUG
TUG
ALMOST, ALMOST THERE!


SNAP

VERY WELL, I'LL FEIGN SLEEP TO SPARE HER HUMILIATION ...
SHE TRIED TO BEHAVE, BUT THE LURE OF HIS SLEEPING FACE WAS TOO MUCH.

WHAAT?!
HUH?!
FLAP
FLAP
THE THREAD SNAPPED! WHAT NOW?!


EEE EEK !!
BURST

HOW FAR WILL YOU GO WITH A SLEEPING MAN?!
YOU'RE TOO WILD, YOKOI!

YOU'RE WAY TOO WORKED UP!!
A...iee
KREAK
ギシッ
ドタバタ
FLAIL
ギシ
KREAK
FLAIL
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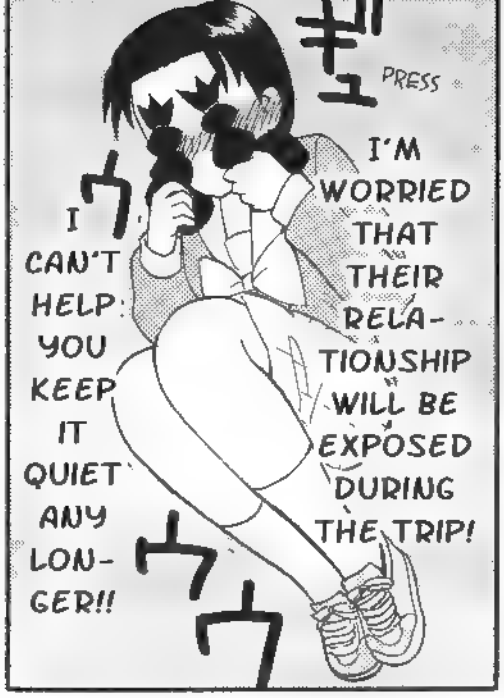
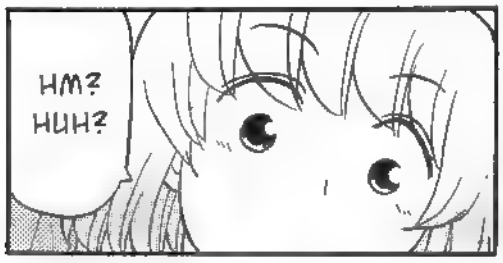
I GOTTA FIX IT BEFORE SEKI WAKES UP!
WAAAH!

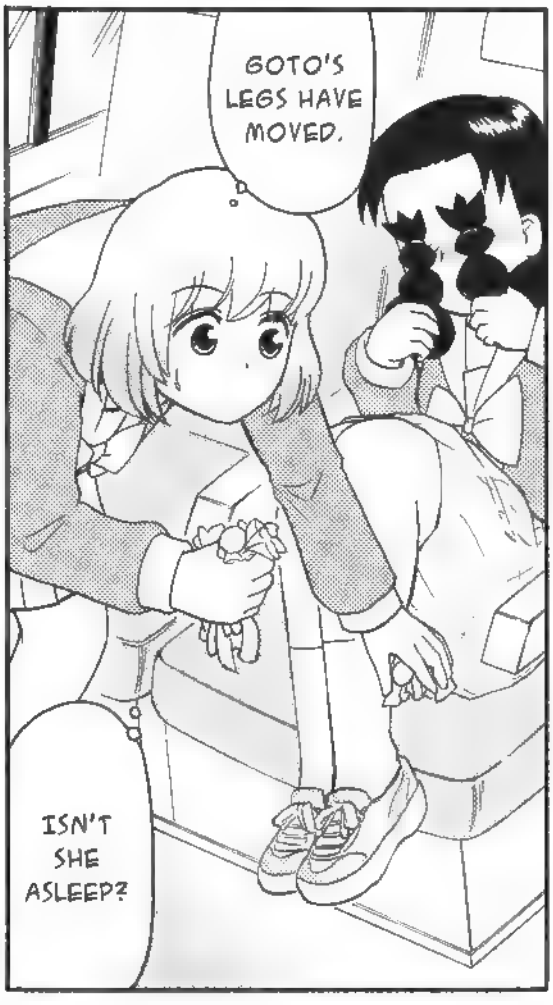
THIS MUST BE...
NO! THIS ISN'T THE YOKOI I KNOW!

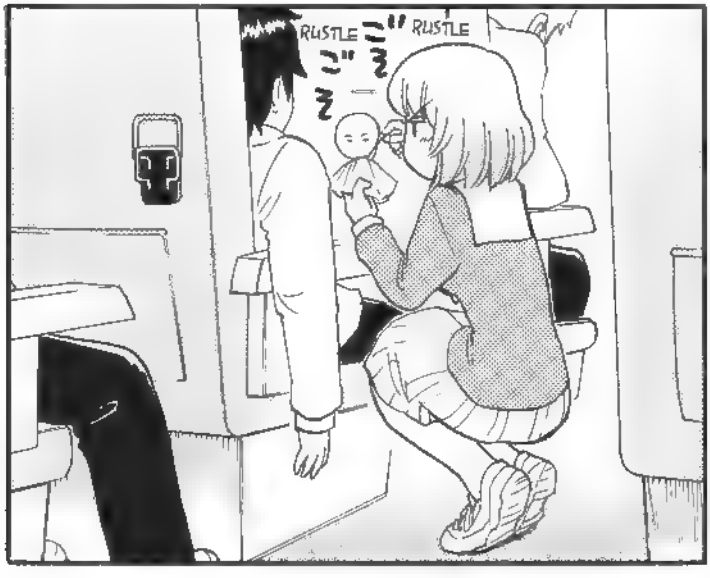

I CAN'T HELP YOU KEEP IT QUIET ANY LONGER!!
PRESS
I'M WORRIED THAT THEIR RELATIONSHIP WILL BE EXPOSED DURING THE TRIP!

THIS SCHOOL TRIP HAS GOTTEN YOKO! ALL EXCITED!
HER FEELING LIBERATED!


HM? HUH?

SHFF
WELL, THIS IS MY CHANCE!


GOTO'S LEGS HAVE MOVED.
ISN'T SHE ASLEEP?


RUSTLE
RUSTLE

WHEW
DONE!
IT MUST BE COINCI-DENCE,
BUT MAYBE IT'S THANKS TO THAT WEATHER DOLL.
THE RAIN HAS LET UP.
YAY!
I'M RE-ALLY WOR-RIED!!
WILL IT FIT BACK IN?
SHOOVE
I MISSED ONE!
TMBL
AH!

66th Period
FIELD TRIP, DAY 3.
TODAY WE HAVE A FREE DAY.
OUR GROUP IS HITTING BUSTLING TOURIST SIGHTS.
CHATTER
CHATTER
ワイ
ワイ

AH.
THE BOYS ARE LAGGING BEHIND AGAIN.
RIGHT?
THIS IS YUMMY! I WANNA BUY MORE ON THE WAY BACK.
SNAP
WHIP
GASP
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
JUST PRACTICING.
OH, NOTHING.
WHAT DID YOU SHOOT?
GLUG
GLUG
TSK.

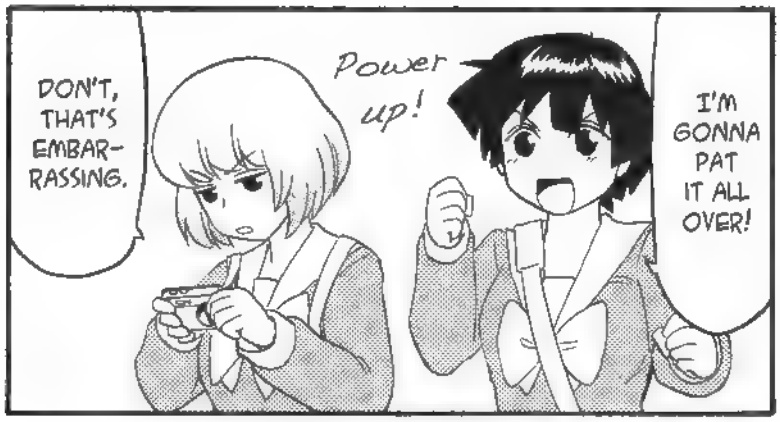
I WANT TRAVEL PHOTOS OF THE ROBOT FAMILY!!
I HAVE A SECRET MISSION...
TO USE MY CAMERA TO TAKE PICS DURING THIS TRIP.
I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY SO FAR, BUT TODAY, WITH THIS FREE TIME, IS THE PERFECT CHANCE TO TAKE THEM OUT!
HE MADE MINI GUIDES FOR THEM, SO SEKI MUST'VE SNUCK THEM ALONG.
I UNWITTINGLY TOOK THEM HOME BEFORE, BUT NOT THIS TIME!
INSTEAD I'LL TAKE HOME PHOTOS AS WELL AS MEMORIES.
S-SEKI TOURS?!
TA-DAA
SEKI TOURS
HM?
WHAT'S THAT ON HIS BAG ...?
I'M SURE THEY'RE HERE.
BUT THERE'S BEEN NO SIGN OF THEM YET...

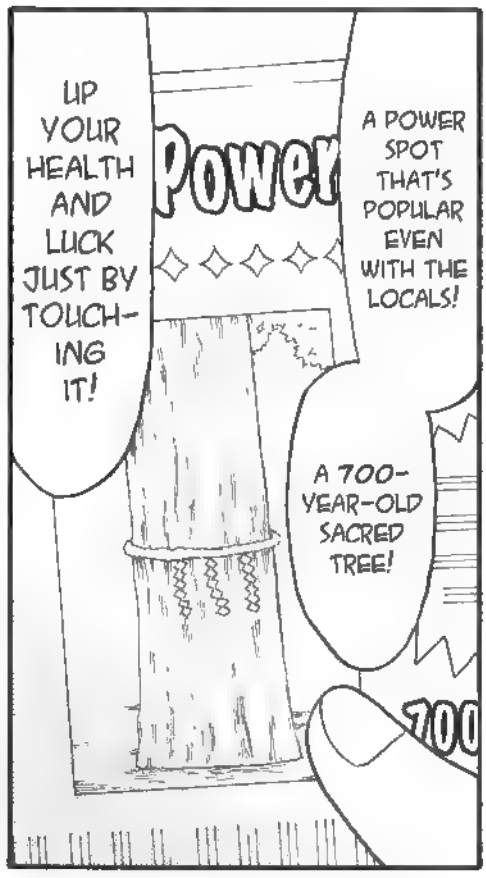
BUT HE'S JUST A STUDENT ON A FIELD TRIP!
SEKI TOURS
SO IS SEKI ACTING AS TOUR GUIDE, LEADING THE ROBOT FAMILY AROUND ?!
IS THAT A FLAG LIKE THE ONES TOUR GUIDES CARRY?
I WILL GET PHOTOS TO KEEP!
THE FAMILY MUST BE INSIDE HIS BAG!
BUT THAT MEANS THEY'RE THERE!
WE SHOULD VISIT THE SHRINE FIRST.
SO WHERE'S THE FIRST SHOP?
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE

HAIYA!
JINGLE
JINGLE
I PRAY I CAN GET GOOD SHOTS!
KLAP
KLAP
HM?!
FREEZE
ぴたっ
Huh?
WHAT A UNIQUE PRAYER POSE...

THEY'RE PRAYING!!
ペコ
BOW
NO, WAIT, CAMERA, CAMERA!
わたっ
FLAP
わたっ
FLAP
PAYING RE-SPECTS AS A FAMILY!
HOW CHARM-ING!
ARGH!
SWIP
ひゃっ
RISE

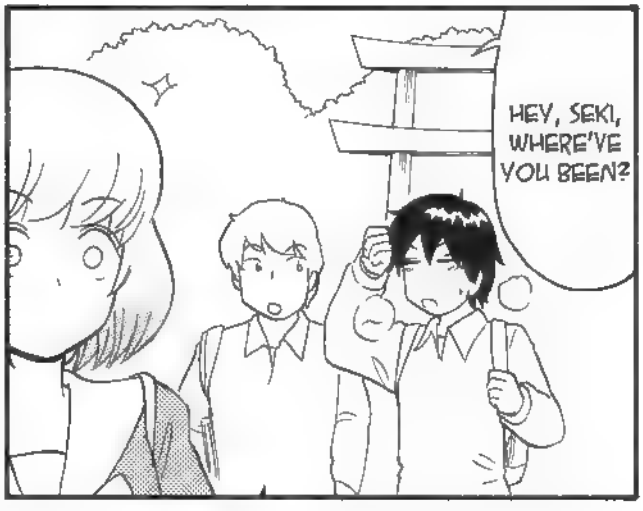
I WASN'T MENTALLY PREPARED AT ALL!
THEY SHOWED UP SO SUD-DENLY!
LET ME TAKE A PHOTO!!
WAIT, WAIT, DON'T GO YET!!
SO, NEXT TIME!
BUT I KNOW NOW THEY'RE HERE.
カシャ
KASHIK
AH, OKAY.
SHOOT US!
RUMI, CAMERA!
OK!
THIS PLACE SHOULD BE HERE.


DON'T, THAT'S EMBARRASSING.
Power up!
I'M GONNA PAT IT ALL OVER!

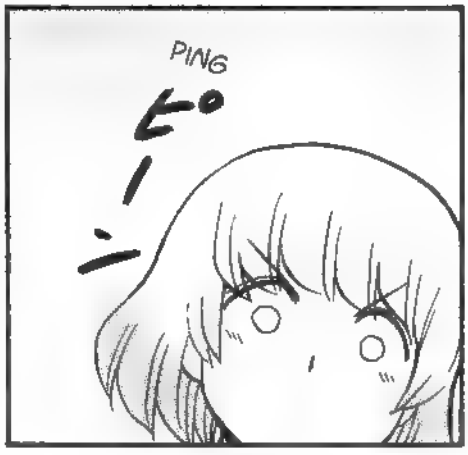

A POWER SPOT THAT'S POPULAR EVEN WITH THE LOCALS!
UP YOUR HEALTH AND LUCK JUST BY TOUCHING IT!
A 700-YEAR-OLD SACRED TREE!

OH, I'M JUST KIDDING! SORRY!
WHY SO PRICKLY?
DROOP しゅん
... SORRY.

DID HE GO OFF TO DO SOMETHING DURING THAT SHORT TIME?
SEKI WAS AWAY FROM THE GROUP.


HEY, SEKI, WHERE'VE YOU BEEN?

HUH? SURE.
I'M GOING ON AHEAD.
DASH ダッ


PING ピーン

キョロ
GLANCE
キョロ
GLANCE
HMM
?
THEY'RE HERE !!
ヘっ
ナニ
CLING,

AND PLANS TO PICK THEM UP AFTER THEY'VE POWERED UP.
I SEE. HE PLACED THEM HERE AHEAD OF TIME
THE WHOLE FAMILY IS GIVING IT THEIR ALL! SO CUTE!
YAY
YAY
THEY'RE INCREASING THEIR LUCK AT THE POWER SPOT!
THAT VOICE...
Hm ?
HEY, IS THIS THAT POWER SPOT TREE?
NOW LET ME TAKE YOUR PICTURE !
HEH
HEH
HEH
HEH
I CORRECTLY PREDICTED SEKI'S BEHAVIOR!
DON'T TOUCH IT, UZAWA!
THIS ROBOT IS WEARING A SWIMMING TUBE.
HA HA HA
OH, NO! UZAWA HAS PRIOR OFFENSES AGAINST THE ROBOT FAMILY!
I GOTTA PROTECT THEM...
IF HE FINDS THEM, HE MIGHT CARRY THEM OFF JUST FOR LAUGHS!
GIMME YOUR POWER!
UZAWA!!
...

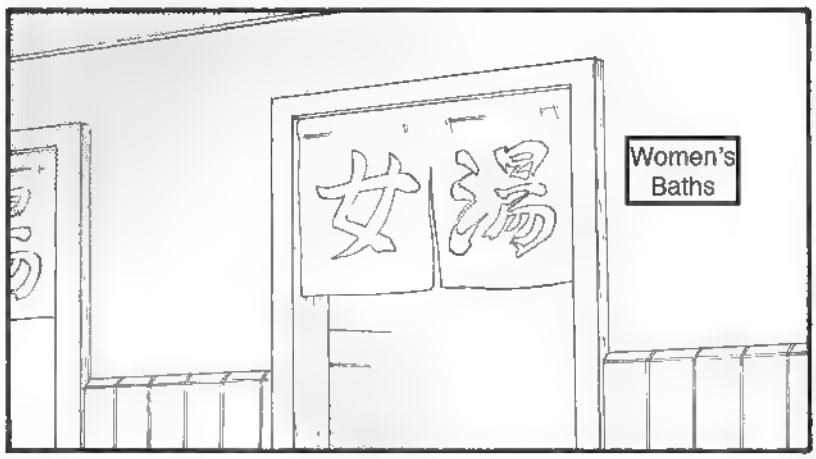
ペたーっ
CLING
...
HM ?
AAARGH!
CHATTER
ワイワイ
HEY, LOOKIE! THIS IS FUNNY!
URGH!
フッ
PFFT
IS THAT YOKOI? SHE'S TOO SERIOUS.
クス SNICKER
SHE MUST REALLY WANT SOME POWER.
クス SNICKER
UZAWA, YOU JERK!

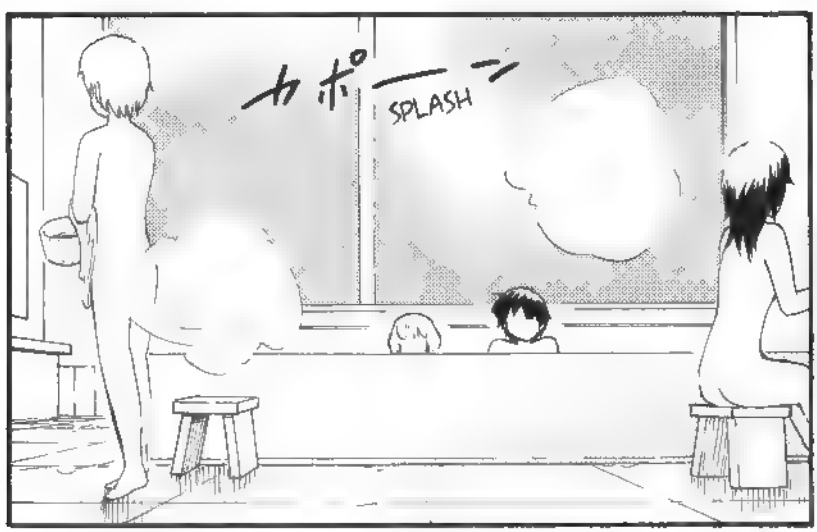
HUNH?!
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
RUMI ...
YOU'RE SUCH A HYPO-CRITE.
YOU JUST WANTED TO HOG THE POWER FOR YOURSELF.
NOOOOOO!
SHUDDER
Grr
HA
HA
SHUDDER
ALL RIGHT!
Yaaay
ME TOO, ME TOO!
HOW DARE YOU LAUGH AT ME, SEKI!!
GLARE
SHIVER
Whose fault do you think this is?!
THAT WAS FAST!
THUP
THUP
I don't get it
BORING. I'M DONE.
...

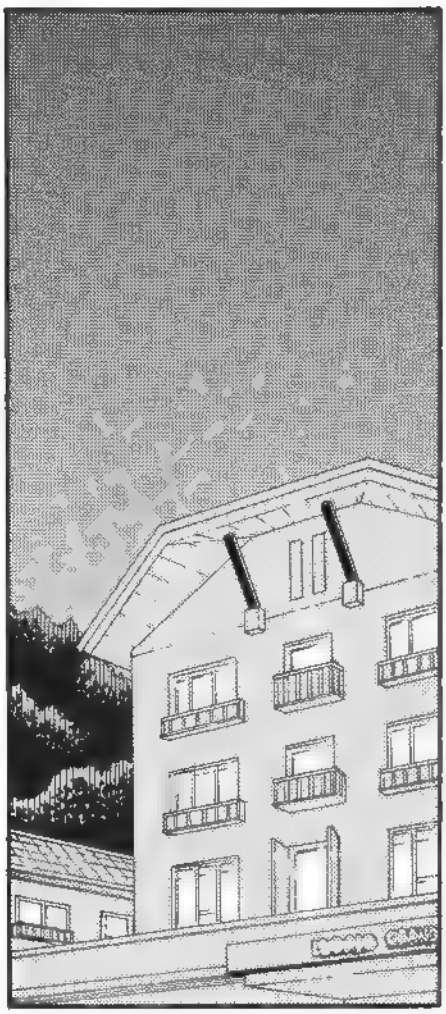
はっ
GASP
WHEEW
THE DANGER'S PAST FOR NOW.
RUMI, TAKE OUR PICTURE!
OH, SURE!
NOW, THEN.
KASHIK
WHISK
WHISK
RUSH
RUSH
PLINK

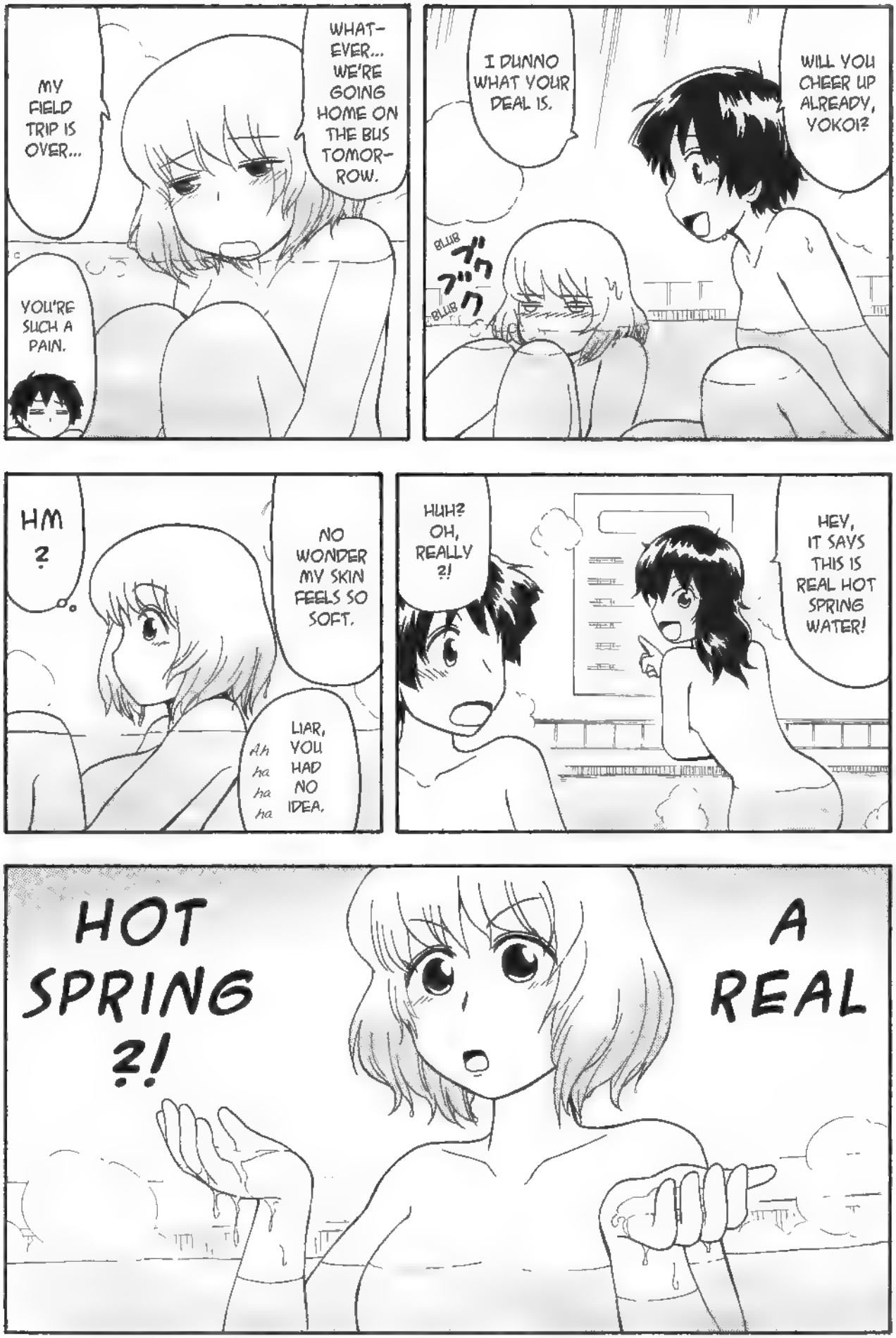
DROOOP
ぐてえええ
HUH ...?
IS IT ALL IN OUR HEADS?

I FEEL SO SOOTHED.
AHH, I FEEL ALL FULL OF POWER!

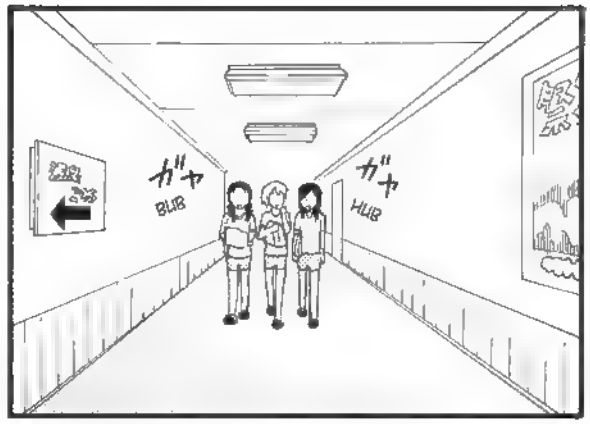

女湯
Women's Baths


カポーン
SPLASH



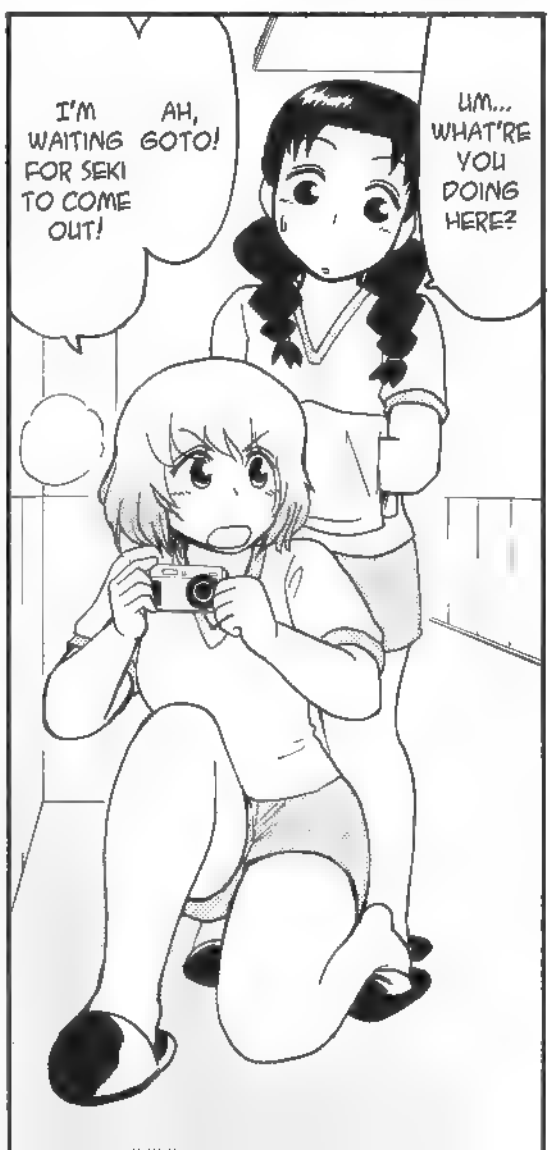

MY FIELD TRIP IS OVER...
WHATEVER... WE'RE GOING HOME ON THE BUS TOMORROW.
YOU'RE SUCH A PAIN.
I DUNNO WHAT YOUR DEAL IS.
WILL YOU CHEER UP ALREADY, YOKO!?
BLUB
ブク
ブク
BLUB
HM ?
NO WONDER MY SKIN FEELS SO SOFT.
LIAR, YOU HAD NO IDEA.
Ah ha ha ha
HUH? OH, REALLY ?!
HEY, IT SAYS THIS IS REAL HOT SPRING WATER!
A REAL HOT SPRING ?!

男湯
Men's Baths
YOKOI?


ガヤ
BUB
ガヤ
HUB

HUH?

WHAA?!
I JUST HAVE TO TAKE A PICTURE HERE!


I'M WAITING FOR SEKI TO COME OUT!
AH, GOTO!
UM... WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?

I OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO CATCH 'EM ALL WARM FROM THE BATH.
HEH
HEH
HEH
HE WON'T HOLD BACK IF IT'S A REAL HOT SPRING.

SHE'S PLANNING TO SHOOT SEKI JUST OUT OF THE BATH!!
THE FAMILY...

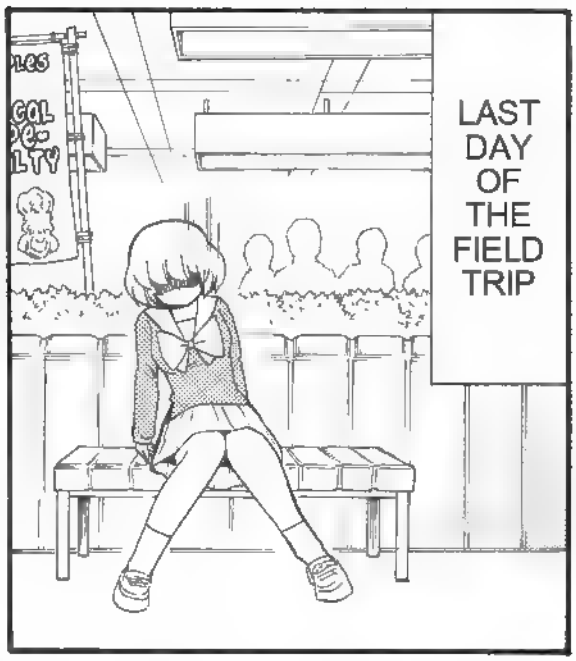
AT THIS RATE, THE PAIR'S SHAME-LESS ACTIONS WILL ATTRACT ATTEN-TION!!
YOKOI'S PATIENCE MUST HAVE REACHED ITS LIMIT!

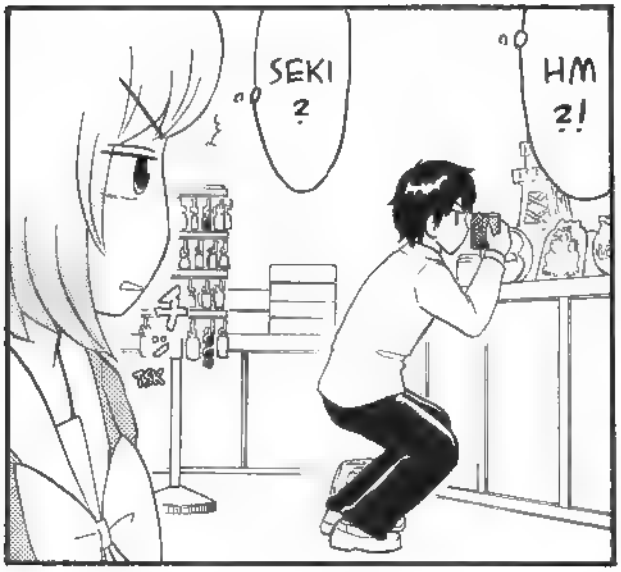
EH HEH
...
MW EH HEH HEH

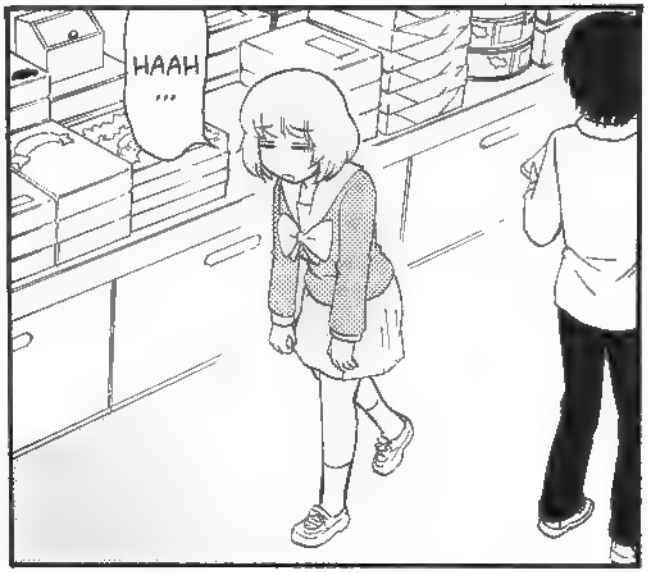
?
LEMME GO, LEMME GO!
DRAG
ズル
YOU'VE GOT TO GO COOL OFF!
DRAG
ズルル

ガバ
GRAB
PLEASE FORGIVE ME!
HUH?

SHE'S WORSE THAN YESTER-DAY.
YOU'D BETTER HURRY BEFORE IT'S TIME TO GO.
YOU HAVEN'T BOUGHT SOUVE-NIRS YET, YOKOI?
UH, YEAH...

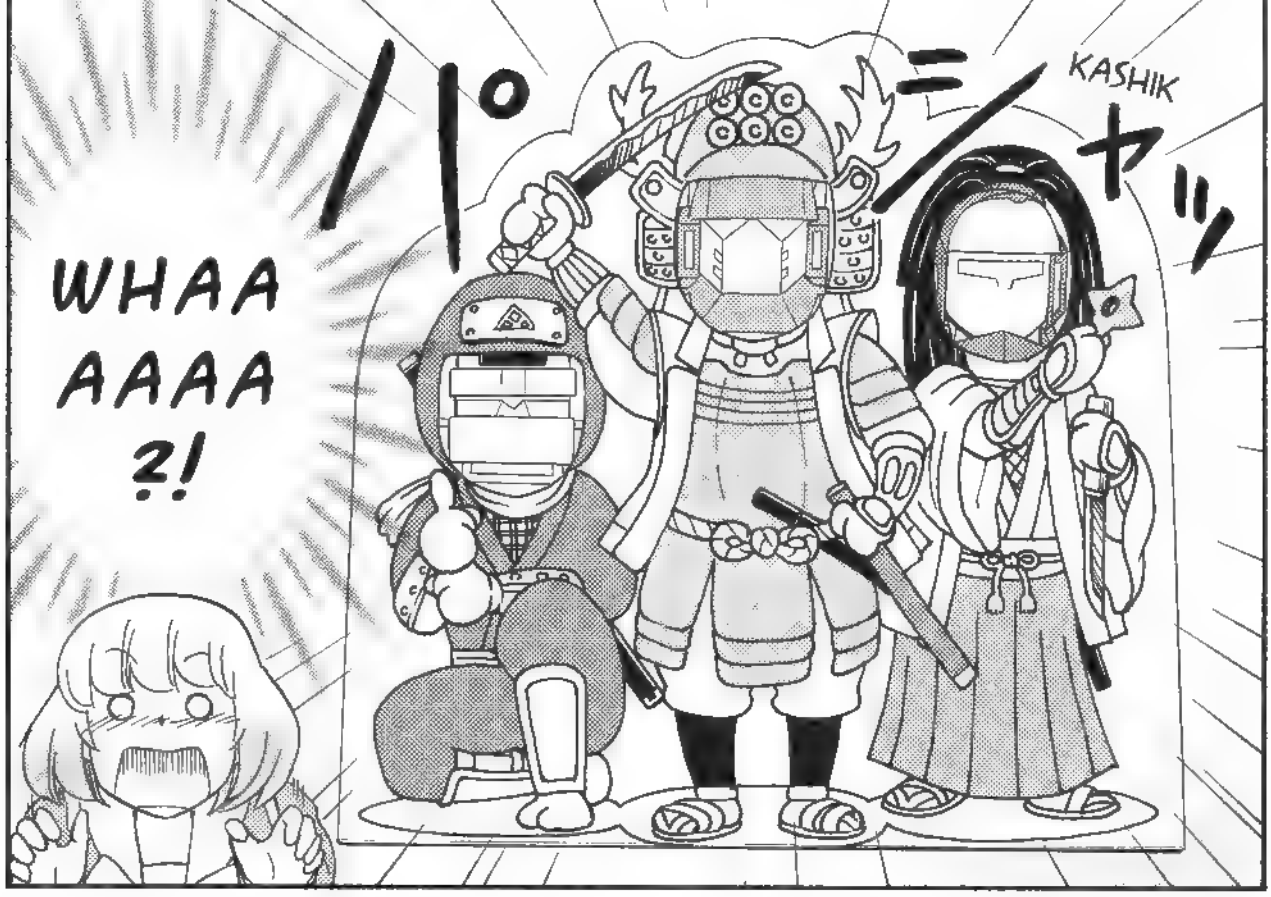

LAST DAY OF THE FIELD TRIP

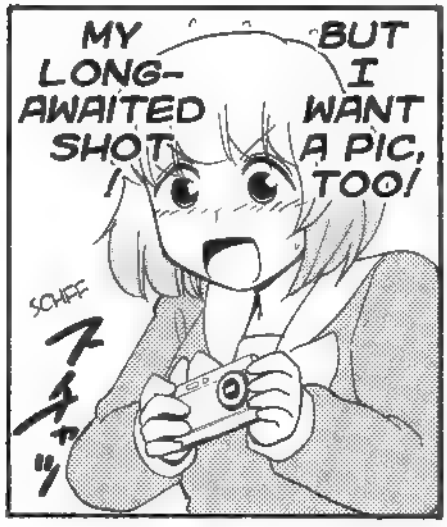

SEKI ?
HM ?!

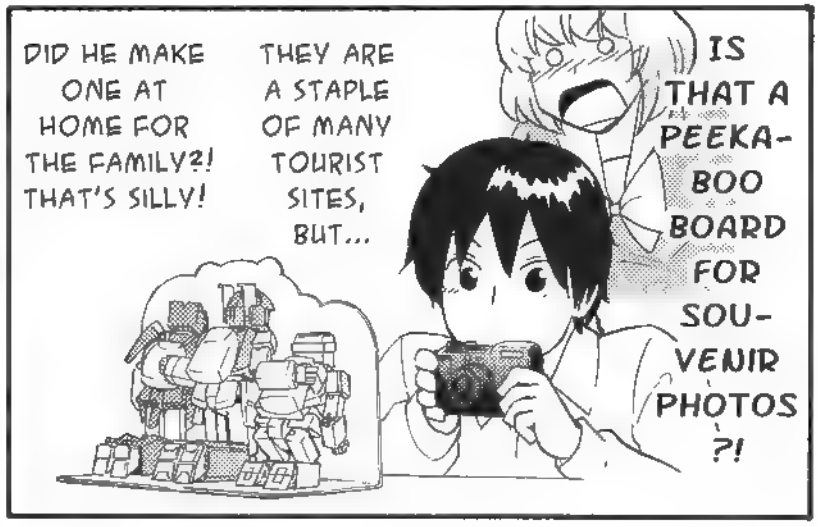

HAAH ...

IS THAT A WAY TO HAVE FUN... HM?
Hmm
WELL, YOU CAN'T BUY EVERY-THING YOU LIKE.

IS HE SHOOTING SOUVE-NIRS?
WHY DOES HE HAVE HIS CAMERA OUT?


WHAA AAAA ?!
KASHIK


MY LONG-AWAITED SHOT!
BUT I WANT A PIC, TOO!
SCHFF


DID HE MAKE ONE AT HOME FOR THE FAMILY?! THAT'S SILLY!
THEY ARE A STAPLE OF MANY TOURIST SITES, BUT...
IS THAT A PEEKA-BOO BOARD FOR SOU-VENIR PHOTOS?!

HOME WITH ME!!
I'm TAKING THEM
I CAN'T SHOW MY LOVE FOR THE ROBOT FAMILY,
'CAUSE HE MIGHT FIGURE OUT I SNUCK THEM HOME LAST TIME.

SWFF

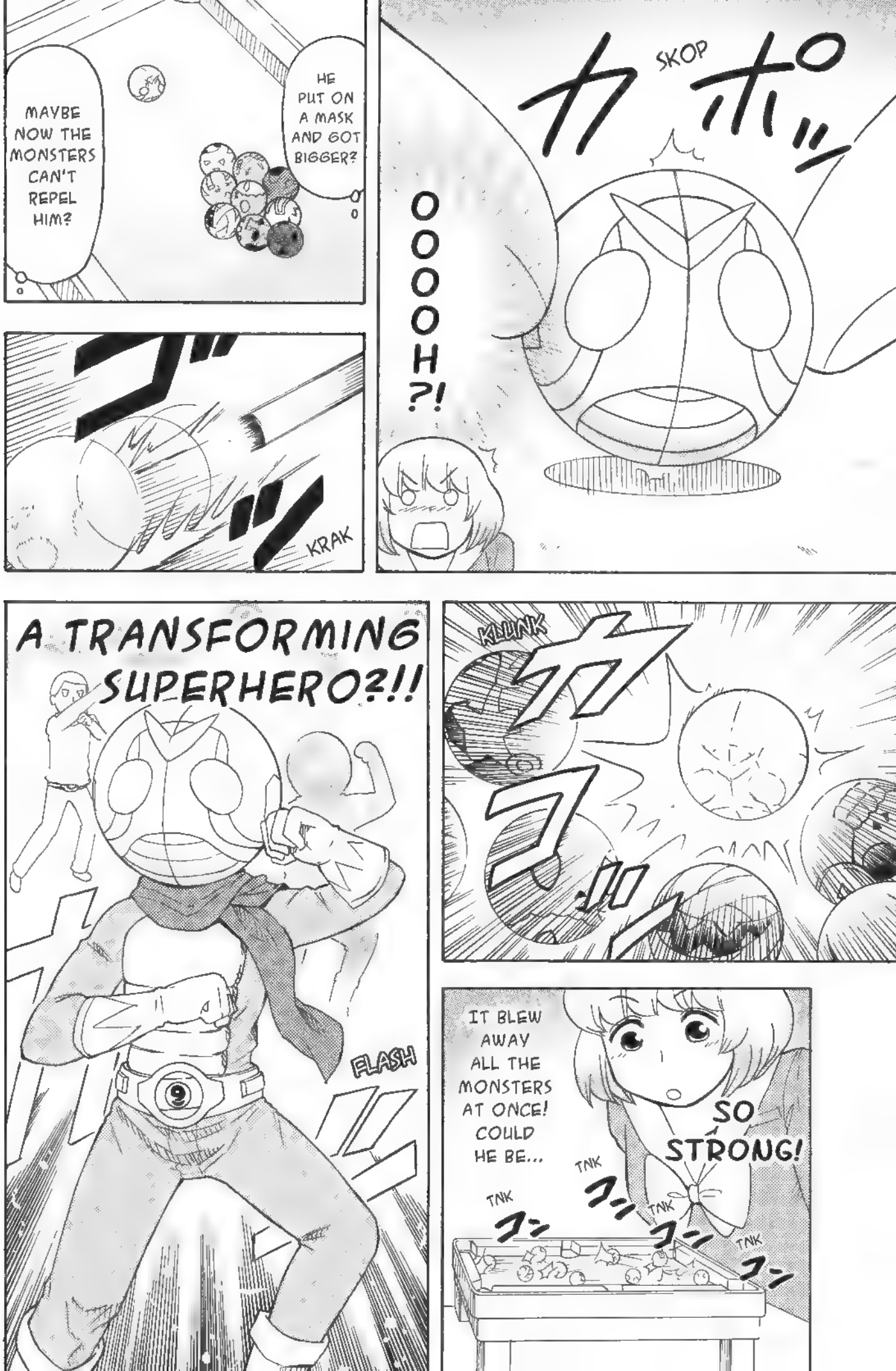
JERK
URGH.

SNEAK
FIRST, I NEED TO ACT LIKE I'M NOT PAYING ATTENTION, THEN...
...
KASHIK
I FINALLY GOT A TRAVEL PHOTO OF THE FAMILY!
I DID IT!
BADUM
PIP
DUCK
DASH
THE FIELD TRIP ENDED IN DISAP-POINT-MENT, AS SHE WAS UNABLE TO EVER GET A PICTURE
WHAT'S WITH THAT STUPID PEACE SIGN?!
YOU'RE IN THE WAY!!
I WASN'T TAKING YOUR PIC SEKI!
PIP

Hmm
67th Period
OF THIS TANKA POEM IS...
SO THE MEAN-ING
WHAT IS THAT FOR ...?
A TABLE ON TOP OF HIS DESK?
HM ?
TNK
ゴト
AH!
TWIRL
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
ARE THOSE MARBLES ?

DID HE MAKE ALL THAT, INCLUDING THE TABLE?
NOW THAT IS A LITTLE MARVEL.
BILLIARDS
I DON'T KNOW THE RULES WELL, BUT...
I THINK YOU HIT NUMBERED BALLS WITH A WHITE ONE?
OOH!
VWOOOSH
OH, THERE'S THE WHITE ONE, THE CUE BALL!
TMBL
THAT'S HOW HE'LL DEFEAT THE MON-STERS.
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE RULES, I WISH HE'D QUICKLY DROP THEM INTO THE POCKETS.
THEY'RE PAINTED WITH FACES, NOT NUMBERS! SCARY MONSTER FACES AT THAT...

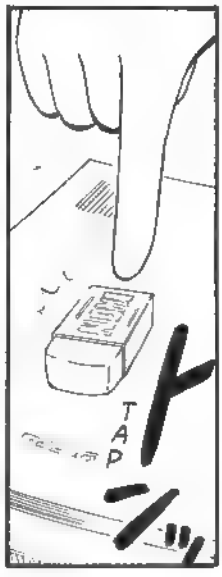
I FEEL LIKE HE'S WAY SMALL-ER, TOO ...
IS HE REALLY CAPABLE OF KNOCKING DOWN THOSE MONSTERS ...?
TMP
ちょこっ
IT LOOKS LIKE AN ORDINARY PERSON.
WHOA, HOW PLAIN!
HE WAS REPELLED !!
THWAK
BOUNCE
BOUNCE
KTAK
I DON'T WANNA WATCH SOME JOHN DOE GET CHASED AROUND BY MON-STERS!
THAT'S NOT EVEN CLOSE TO A FIGHT!


MAYBE NOW THE MONSTERS CAN'T REPEL HIM?
HE PUT ON A MASK AND GOT BIGGER?
KRAK
SKOP
OOOOH?!
A TRANSFORMING SUPERHERO?!!
FLASH
KLUNK
IT BLEW AWAY ALL THE MONSTERS AT ONCE! COULD HE BE...
SO STRONG!
TNK
TNK
TNK
TNK

カ
KA
コツ
KLUNK
HM ?
AND I CAN WATCH THIS HERO IN ACTION WITHOUT WORRY!
I SEE! NOW HE CAN HANDLE THE MONSTERS, NO PROBLEM!
OKAY, THIS TIME.
コロ
ROLL
TOK
コツ
AH!
ROLL
コロ
THAT'S FUNNY.
I THOUGHT IT'D GONE IN THE HOLE...
IT WON'T GO IN?!
コテツ
TMP
AH!
IF THE NUMBER OF MONSTERS NEVER DECREASES...
KLAK
カッ
TNK
コツ
KLIK
TOK
コツ
OR WAIT, YOU DID THAT ON PURPOSE, DIDN'T YOU?!
YOU MESSED UP!
THE MONSTER IS BIGGER THAN THE HOLE!

THAT'S A DESPERATE BATTLE, EVEN FOR A HERO!
IT'LL ALWAYS BE NINE AGAINST ONE.

I'LL JUST ROUT THE MONSTERS INSTEAD!
BUT THAT'S NO PROBLEM!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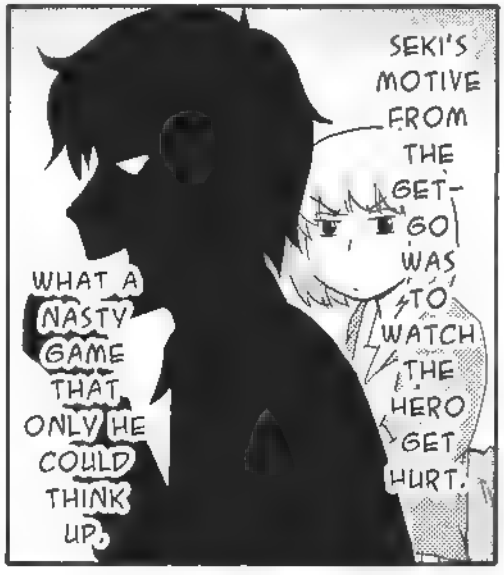
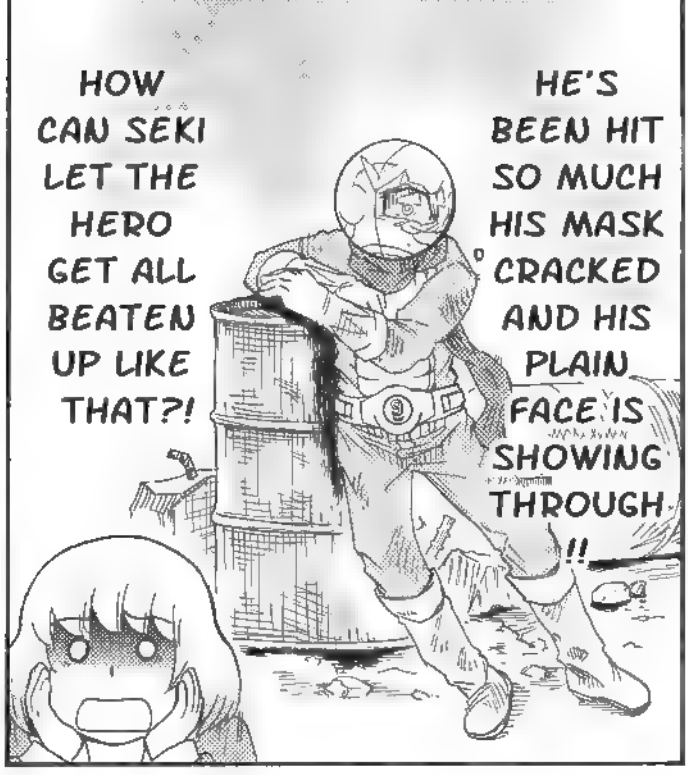

SEKI'S MOTIVE FROM THE GET-GO WAS TO WATCH THE HERO GET HURT.
WHAT A NASTY GAME THAT ONLY HE COULD THINK UP.

HUH?!
HEH

!

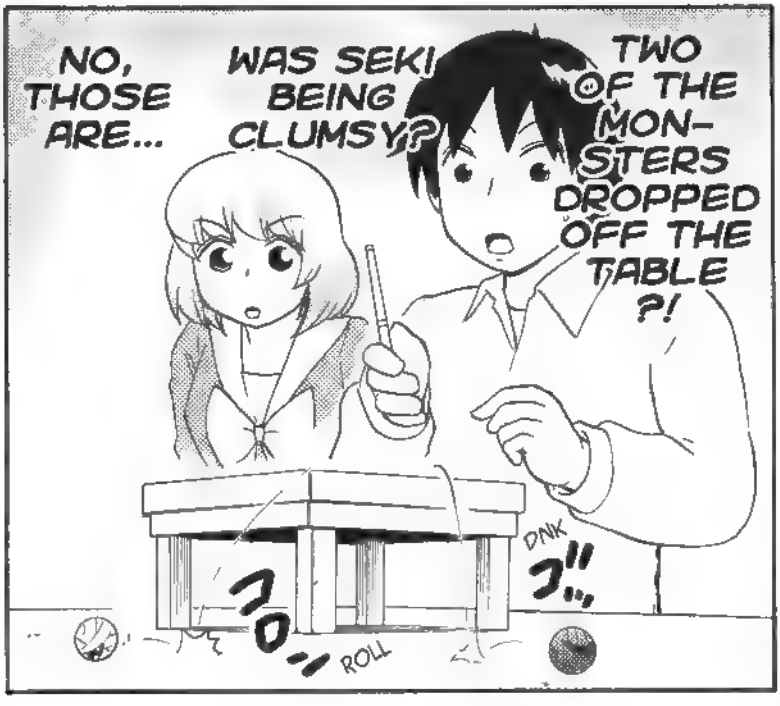
BUT THE HERO WOULD LOSE HIS POSITION!
SO I'D BECOME THE MAIN CHARACTER?!
WHY NOT? HE'S OKAY WITH ME BAILING OUT THE HERO?
HE DOESN'T RESENT ME INTERFERING?
IN THE HERO'S PLACE...?
ME, HELP? TAKE DOWN THE MONSTERS...
KTAK
TAK
TK
TK
I CAN ONLY SILENTLY CHEER HIM ON, NO MATTER HOW HARD THE BATTLE...
IF I DEFEAT THE MONSTERS, IT WOULDN'T BE HELPING HIM IN A REAL WAY.
GRIN
SLUMP
WAAH!
KRACK

HE'S BEEN DRIVEN INTO A CORNER!
IF THE MASK IS GONE, HE'LL BE SMALLER THAN THE MONSTERS AND HE WON'T BE ABLE TO FIGHT BACK!


HOW CAN SEKI LET THE HERO GET ALL BEATEN UP LIKE THAT?!
HE'S BEEN HIT SO MUCH HIS MASK CRACKED AND HIS PLAIN FACE IS SHOWING THROUGH!!

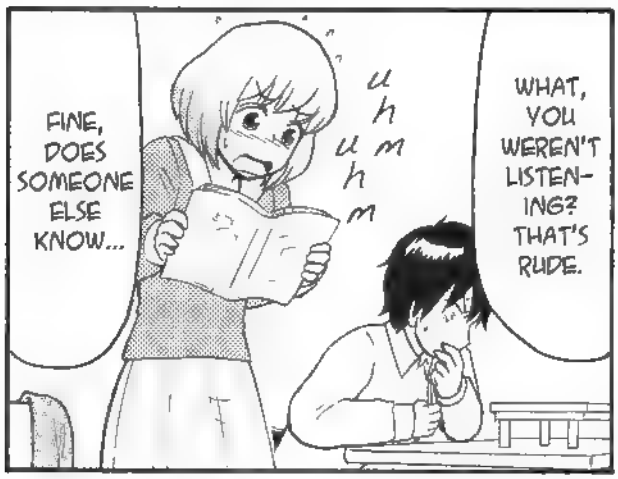
KLAK

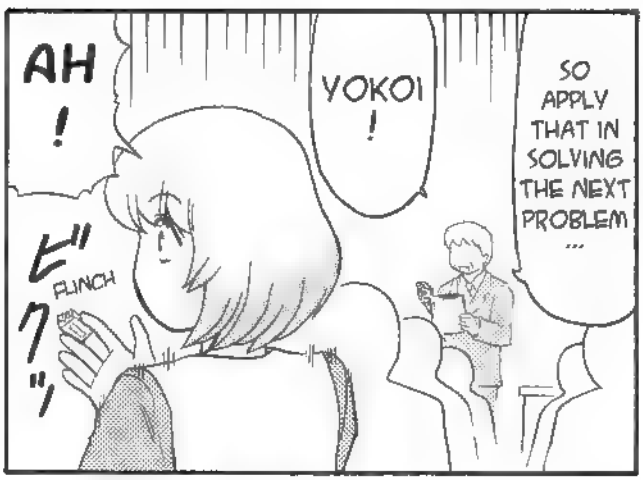
NO, SEKI, STOP IT!!
KLAK
TOK
BAM
KLAK

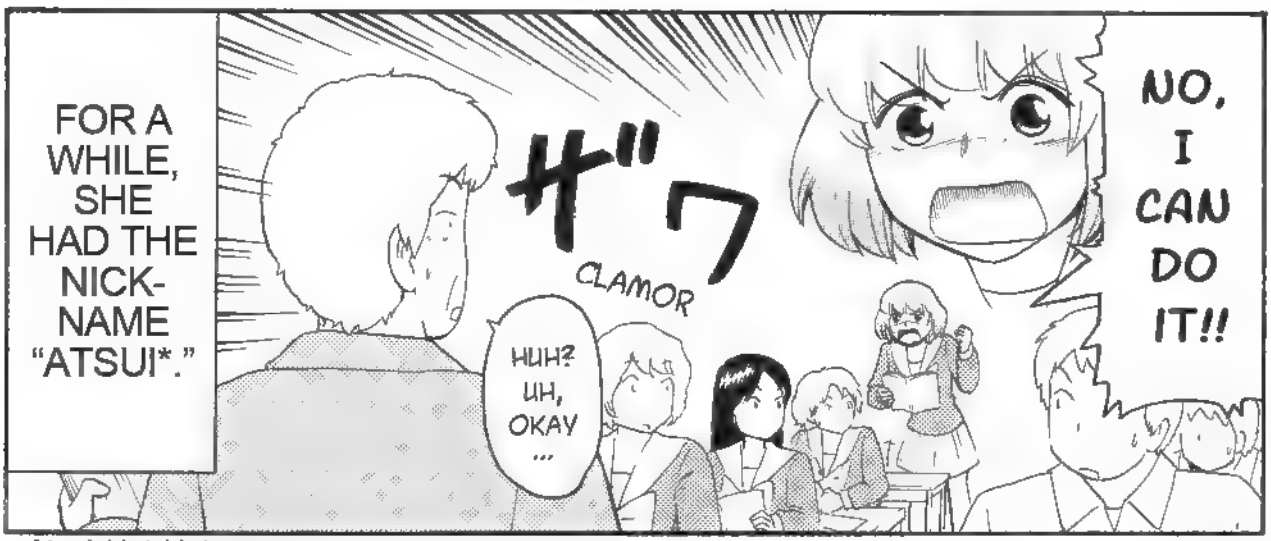

NO, THOSE ARE...
WAS SEKI BEING CLUMSY?
TWO OF THE MONSTERS DROPPED OFF THE TABLE?!
DNK
ROLL

!!
TOK
TNK

HIS UNFLAGGING HEART UNEXPECT-EDLY CAME TO HIS AID!
THE TENACITY OF THE HERO WHO KEEPS FIGHTING EVEN WHEN HE'S IN TATTERS!
FRAGMENTS!
PIECES OF THE BROKEN MASK MESSED UP SEKI'S CALCULA-TIONS!
A HERO OF JUSTICE'S BATTLE !!
THIS IS TRUE METTLE !
SNAP
SNAP
HE'S INCORPO-RATING THE PIECES INTO HIS STRIKE STRATEGY z!
NOD
NOD



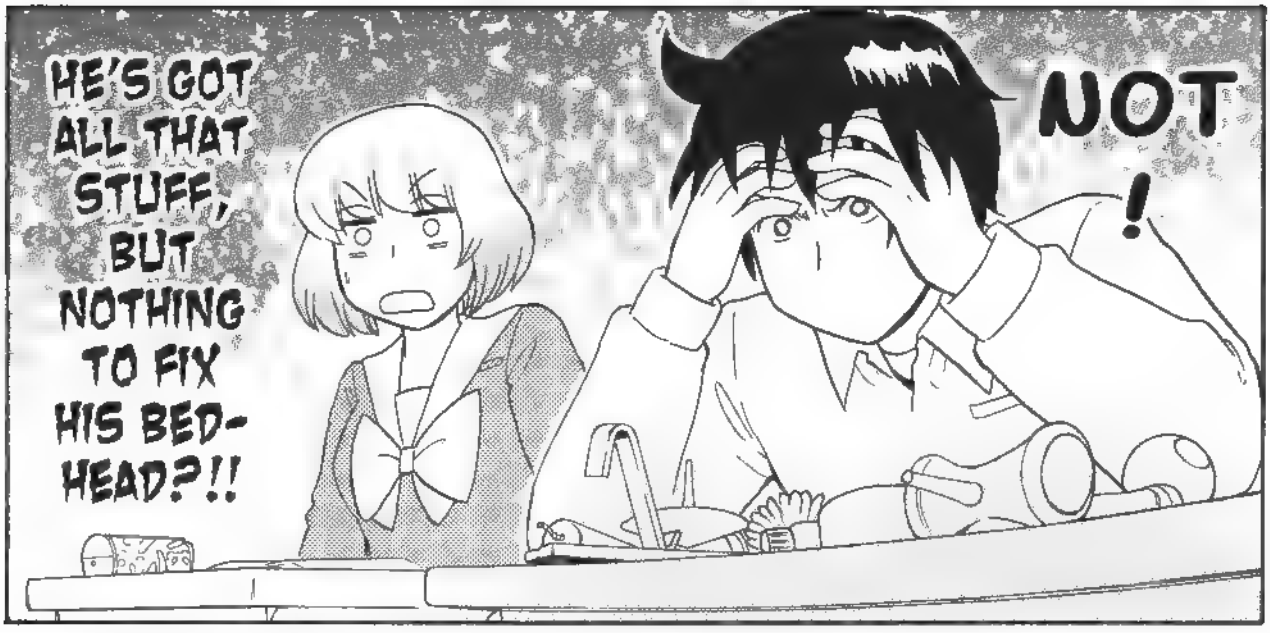




* *Atsui*: Hot / Intense

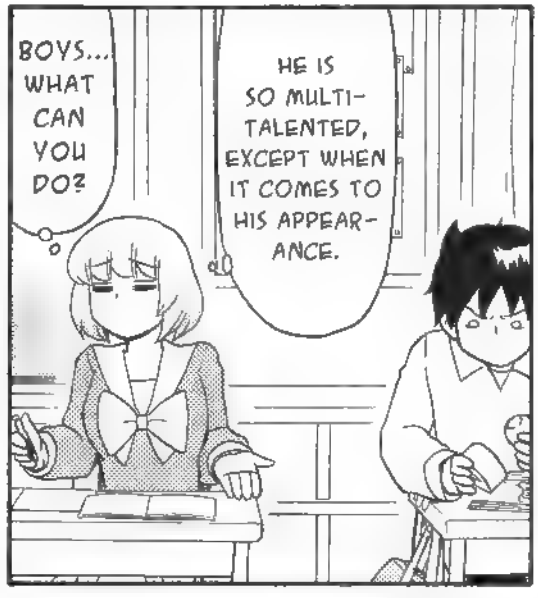
68th Period
SPR
BUT I'D RATH-ER...
ING
HE'S PULLING OUT SOME TOY AGAIN...
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
SKRITCH
SKRITCH
SMAT
SMAT
THAT CRAZY BEDHEAD FIRST.
HE DO SOMETHING ABOUT

THE TIME WHEN SEKI'S BAG COULD COME IN HANDY!
AH, THIS IS IT!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
SPRING


HE'S GOT ALL THAT STUFF, BUT NOTHING TO FIX HIS BED-HEAD?!!
NOT!

HM?
カポッ
SPRAY

GRAB
カッ


BOYS... WHAT CAN YOU DO?
HE IS SO MULTI-TALENTED, EXCEPT WHEN IT COMES TO HIS APPEAR-ANCE.

RUSTLE
RUSTLE

HE'S GONNA TRY FIXING IT WITH GLUE?!
SHFF
HUH? WAAH!

C'MON, A BRUSH IS NOTHING TO BE SURPRISED ABOUT.
IT SHOULD'VE BEEN THE FIRST THING TO COME TO MIND.
!
HERE, USE THIS!
TINK
コト
DO
THEN WHAT DOES HE USE?
DOESN'T HE USUALLY USE A BRUSH?
BRUSH
BRUSH
SFF
...
ピ°ン
SPRING

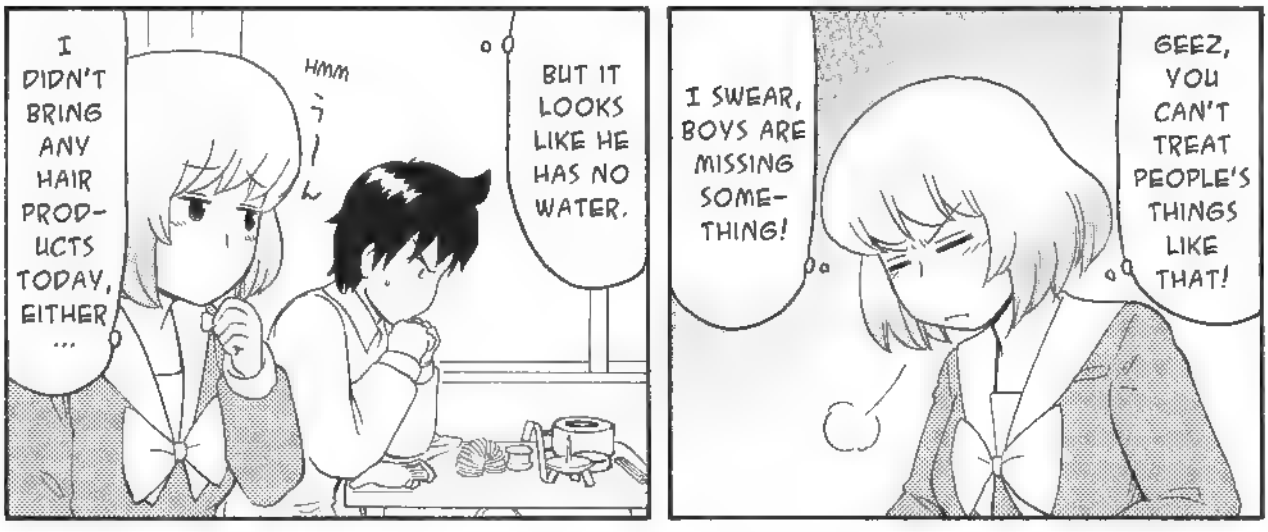
WHAT?
WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME WITH SUCH CONTEMPT?!

LICK
ペロッ

EVERY-ONE KNOWS THAT!
ヒソ
WHISPER
WHISPER
ヒソ
YOU NEED TO USE WATER OR SOME-THING!

ゾクッ
SHIVER

WIPE
ふき
WIPE
ふき
...

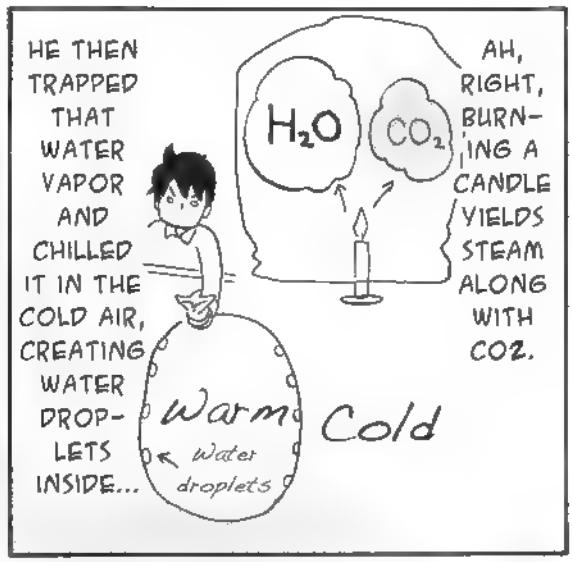

I DIDN'T BRING ANY HAIR PROD-UCTS TODAY, EITHER ...
HMM
うーん
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE HE HAS NO WATER.
I SWEAR, BOYS ARE MISSING SOME-THING!
GEEZ, YOU CAN'T TREAT PEOPLE'S THINGS LIKE THAT!

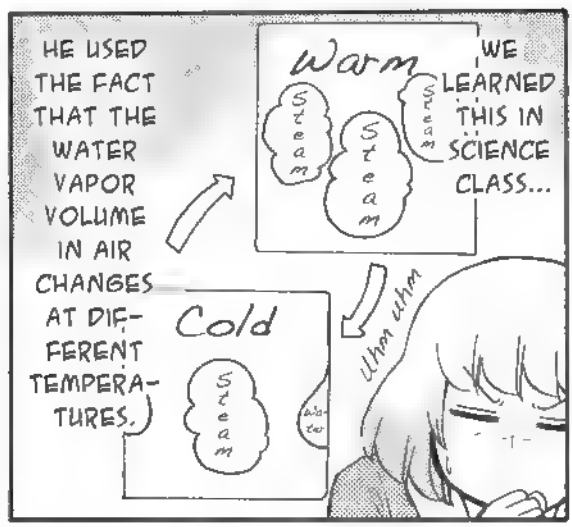
HM ?
KLATTER
カラ
カラ
KLATTER
ガサ
RUSTLE

SIZZ
SIZZ
SIZZ
HE LIT A CANDLE ?!
DON'T PLAY WITH FIRE DURING CLASS!!
!!
BWOOSH
HE PLACED THE BAG OVER THE CANDLE...
WHY ?
FLAP
A PLASTIC BAG?
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
CINCH
OH. GUESS HE GAVE UP ON FIXING HIS HAIR.
IS HE MAKING A HOT AIR BALLOON ?

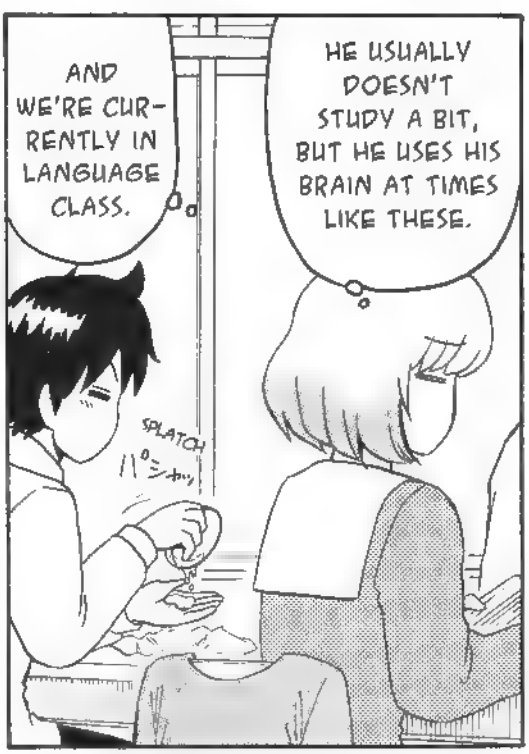
10 MINUTES LATER.
IT'S COLD, SEKI!
SHIVER
ZWISH
ZWISH
WAIT, HE'S WRING-ING IT? WHY ...?
HE'S CRUSHING THE BAG ...?
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
THAT'S THAT BAG FROM EARLIER ?
RUSTLE
OH ?
RUSTLE
IS WATER ?!
COMING FROM INSIDE THAT EMPTY PLASTIC BAG...
?!
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP

H2O
UNBELIEVABLE, SEKI...
ACTUALLY GENERATED WATER IN THE MIDDLE OF CLASS!!


HE THEN TRAPPED THAT WATER VAPOR AND CHILLED IT IN THE COLD AIR, CREATING WATER DROPLETS INSIDE...
H2O
CO2
AH, RIGHT, BURNING A CANDLE YIELDS STEAM ALONG WITH CO2.
Warm
Cold
Water droplets


HE USED THE FACT THAT THE WATER VAPOR VOLUME IN AIR CHANGES AT DIFFERENT TEMPERATURES.
Warm
Steam
Steam
Steam
WE LEARNED THIS IN SCIENCE CLASS...
Cold
Steam
Uhm uhm

BRUSH
BRUSH


AND WE'RE CURRENTLY IN LANGUAGE CLASS.
HE USUALLY DOESN'T STUDY A BIT, BUT HE USES HIS BRAIN AT TIMES LIKE THESE.
SPLATCH

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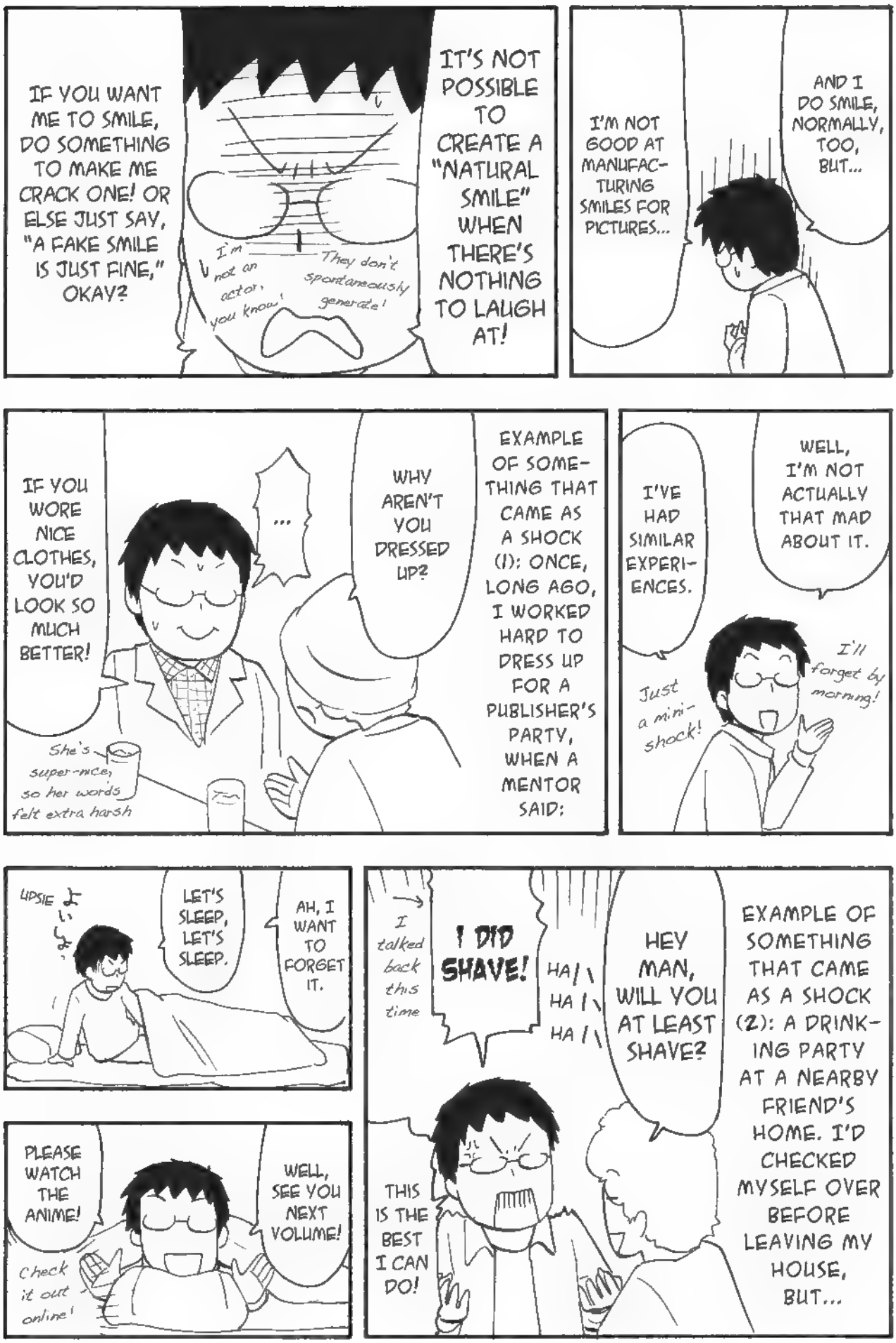
Fresh Vegetables & Fruits Ta
ISN'T THAT...
AH!
BONUS ①
HOW ADMI-RABLE!
IS SHE RUNNING ERRANDS ?
SEKI'S LITTLE SISTER, JUN !!
Sigh
SWFF
SWFF
SHAKE
SHAKE
SWFF
SWFF

HOW MATURE!
HAGGLING OVER PRICES?
Or is that to be expected?
SHE'S DOING SOME HIGH-LEVEL TRANSACTION!!
NOW SCRAM, YA THIEF!!
AS ALWAYS, I'M NO MATCH FOR YOU, MISS.
COULD THEY BE FOR SEKI?
AH!
WHY IN THE WORLD...
BUT THOSE ARE BIG. ARE THEY MEN'S?
...
She's waffling
SHE'S LOOKING AT GLOVES?
OH, AN ACCESSORY SHOP NEXT?
CUTY
SHE REALLY LOVES HER BROTHER, HUH.
WHAT AN AMAZING GIRL!
OH!
GLOVES!!
はっ
MAYBE SHE'S SAVED UP MONEY SAVED BY HAGGLING?
A GIFT FOR HER BIG BRO!

AND I'LL GET TO SPEND A LOVELY FEW DAYS WITH JUN ALL TO MY-SELF!
WE CAN HAVE A FRIENDLY KNITTING CLASS!!
JUN SEEMS FAIRLY HANDY, AND IF I (A 2ND RANK KNITTING LICENSEE) TEACH HER...
IF THEY'RE A GIFT, SHE SHOULD KNIT HIM A PAIR HERSELF!
IF I CAN TEACH HER...
THAT'S RIGHT!
SALE SALE
TIP
TOE
MUST MAKE IT SEEM LIKE PURE CHANCE.
LET'S PITCH IT TO JUN!
キャーッ WHEE!
SCAMPER
SCAMPER
YES, YES, LEAVE IT TO ME!
AHH あー
MAYBE I'LL GO KNIT A PAIR AT HOME. I'VE GOT SO MUCH YARN!
YEAH, HAND-MADE IS THE BEST!
HRMM うーん
AND THE PATTERN'S TOO GAUDY ON THESE. I COULD TONE IT DOWN IF I KNIT THEM MYSELF.
THIS COLOR IS BAD. IF YOU KNIT YOUR OWN, YOU CAN PICK ANY COLOR.

そおーっ
PEEK
HUH? SHE'S GONE?!
EXCUSE ME, MISS.
ビクッ
JOLT
AAARGH!
I DON'T CARE WHETHER YOU BUY OR NOT,
BUT DON'T SCARE OFF CUSTOMERS.
I'M SO SORRY, I'M SO SORRY!!
SOME DAYS LATER.
AWW
STAARE
じヒ〜
MY ONE CHANCE ...
?

BONUS (2)
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR READING MY NEIGHBOR SEKI VOLUME 5.
I'D BE SO GLAD IF YOU ENJOYED IT.
THANKS TO ALL YOUR SUPPORT, THERE'S BEEN A BIG DEVELOPMENT... MY NEIGHBOR SEKI IS BEING ADAPTED INTO AN ANIME.
THUS, A LOT HAS BEEN GOING ON, BUT IF I TOLD YOU, THAT WOULD SPOIL IT, SO I CAN'T SAY ANY-THING.
IT'S A SEKI TRAIT I'M AFRAID (BEING A SERIES OF ONE-SHOTS).
AS THE ANIME PRODUCTION PROGRESSED, I, AS THE CREATOR, HAVE HAD MANY INTERVIEWS
AND PHOTO SHOOTS, OF COURSE.
SINCE I DON'T CARE TO CREATE A MYSTERIOUS AURA, I SHOW MY FACE.
I WANT TO BE SEEN AS A GOOD PERSON BY THOSE LOOKING AT MY PICTURE,
KASHIK
SO I TRY TO PRESENT A CHEERFUL FACE TO THE CAMERA, BUT...
KASHIK
NOW SMILE, PLEASE!
BIG SMILE, SMILE!
UH, I THOUGHT I WAS SMILING, SO WHY DOESN'T IT LOOK LIKE I AM?!


IF YOU WANT ME TO SMILE, DO SOMETHING TO MAKE ME CRACK ONE! OR ELSE JUST SAY, "A FAKE SMILE IS JUST FINE," OKAY?
I'm not an actor, you know!
They don't spontaneously generate!
IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO CREATE A "NATURAL SMILE" WHEN THERE'S NOTHING TO LAUGH AT!
I'M NOT GOOD AT MANUFACTURING SMILES FOR PICTURES...
AND I DO SMILE, NORMALLY, TOO, BUT...
IF YOU WORE NICE CLOTHES, YOU'D LOOK SO MUCH BETTER!
She's super-nice, so her words felt extra harsh
...
WHY AREN'T YOU DRESSED UP?
EXAMPLE OF SOMETHING THAT CAME AS A SHOCK (1): ONCE, LONG AGO, I WORKED HARD TO DRESS UP FOR A PUBLISHER'S PARTY, WHEN A MENTOR SAID:
I'VE HAD SIMILAR EXPERIENCES.
Just a mini-shock!
WELL, I'M NOT ACTUALLY THAT MAD ABOUT IT.
I'll forget by morning!
UPSIE
LET'S SLEEP, LET'S SLEEP.
AH, I WANT TO FORGET IT.
PLEASE WATCH THE ANIME!
Check it out online!
WELL, SEE YOU NEXT VOLUME!
I talked back this time
I DID SHAVE!
HA! HA! HA!
HEY MAN, WILL YOU AT LEAST SHAVE?
THIS IS THE BEST I CAN DO!
EXAMPLE OF SOMETHING THAT CAME AS A SHOCK (2): A DRINKING PARTY AT A NEARBY FRIEND'S HOME. I'D CHECKED MYSELF OVER BEFORE LEAVING MY HOUSE, BUT...

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